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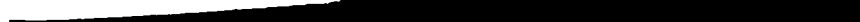
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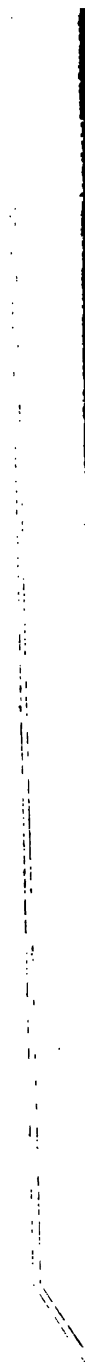
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"Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom
 tribute is due; custom to whom custom; * * * * *
honour to whom honour." Bible—Romans 13:7.

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CLUBWOMEN.

To the work of the gracious Master
 Their willing aid they give,
They teach their toiling sisters
 A richer life to live.
They drop the seeds of beauty
 In the sordid city street,
They smooth the rugged pathway
 For many trembling feet.

They have seen the lonely farm-house,
 They who there abide
The matchless wives and mothers,
 The nation's joy and pride.
And they know—for they are women—
 Of the bitter, shut-in hours
When Nature's spring is broken,
 And dead, her o'ertaxed powers.

The patient, wise, house-mother—
 Her tasks the day outlast,
In working, living and giving—
 No wonder she drops at last.
They gather the herb for her healing,
 The balm for her nameless pain,
They have brought her in touch with her sisters,
 Given food to her starving brain.

They have opened the doors of learning,
 Have honored the heroes dead,
Have guided the little children
 And aid to the fallen sped.
Wherever the Master called them,
 Wherever the shadows gloomed,
The flowers of love and wisdom
 At their tender touch have bloomed.

They have followed the Master's footsteps
And entered the prison walls,
And hope of a purer future
On the sad-eyed captive falls.
They are teaching a wonderful lesson,
They are using the simplest things,
As the song-bird, whose nest is lowest,
Soars highest, and sweetest sings.

"Not for myself, but for others,"
Their deep true hearts are stirred;
Love spoke, and the women answered
In music; the world hath heard
The anthem of high endeavor—
The efforts that will not cease—
The march of the red-cross legion,
The coming of star-crowned Peace.

—Mrs. Mary B. Saunders,
Walnut Grove Ranch.

(The above poem was written for and presented to the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs at its annual meeting in Houston November 15, 1904, by the author.)

FOREWORD.

When we think of the little handful of women who met in Waco in 1897 to form the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and compare that group with our 30,000 organized women of today, we have cause to thank our Heavenly Father for the way He has guided us and the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Since, however, we should never rest in self-satisfaction, let us make the issuance of this volume a milestone in our history. Let us consider it an altar on which we shall dedicate ourselves to service.

We are held responsible for our opportunities; much has been given us, therefore much is now expected of us. It is our duty to be truly efficient. To accomplish this, every club should combine study and practical work. There can be no continuous progress unless we steadily and religiously recreate our spirits and renew our vital forces. This can best be done by the study of the best literature the world has produced; therefore, the study club will never go out of fashion if we live up to our highest ideals. But, "since all knowledge is futile that is not used for the good of others," we must *act* as well as *study*. No club has a right to be content unless it is doing something for its community. To work efficiently in a civic way, we must study and investigate before we act. Remember, "Nothing is more dangerous than ignorance at work." If we *know* whereof we speak, if we are sane in our methods, we shall always have the respect of the community and our task of arousing public opinion will be easy.

If we have true happiness in our lives, let each of us resolve to practice as a daily virtue, charity; charity, not of deed alone, but a charity rarer than that—charity of speech, one woman for the other; and a charity that is rarer even than that—charity of judgment, one woman for the other woman.

With deep gratitude for all your kindness to me, I am,

Always faithfully yours,

Anna J. H. Pennybacker.

Austin, Texas, March, 1917.

BLUE BONNETS.

(Texas Federation Flower.)

There is a Spanish legend,
That, faint with sense of loss,
The weeping mother wandered
Beyond the burdened cross;
And that where e'er her mantle
Trailed o'er the forest way,
A flower caught its color
And holds it still today.

It was our own Blue Bonnet,
That bent its graceful stem
Beneath her gentle footsteps
And robe's embroidered hem.
And all our Texas prairies
This tender truth confess,
For everywhere their blossoms
Wear hues of Mary's dress.

MARY HUNT AFFLECK,
Quill Club, Brenham.

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

"The inner world where we live with our dreams is hid to those without; they know us by our fruits, not elsehow."

—Mary Stanhope.—

To write a history of the woman's club movement in Texas, as crystallized in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, must be mainly a record of achievement, ignoring many of the processes of development which led to the glorious results. The latter exigency is caused by the necessity of compressing within reasonable limits, the size of this volume, without omitting any essential facts. The editor has scarcely indulged in any adjective, because that space was needed for the many nouns clamoring for recognition.

Thus there must spring up in the reader's own heart the meed of admiration and loving gratitude due those who have toiled long and arduously that the human consciousness might be lifted into better practices for the benefit of humanity, through the activities of those women who "followed the gleam" and "were not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

That this fruitage of admiration and gratitude has ripened in due season from the blossoming duty-tree is shown in the unbroken sense of general harmony which has pervaded the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs since its inception in 1897.

Sometimes there has seemed a small flurry in the family nest, as the birdlings began to flutter their new-

found wings, preparatory to flight. A little good-natured pushing and jostling may have seemed to prevail, but the older birds have ever been at hand to counsel and protect, so no fledgling has been crowded out or left to fall with broken wing to earth. That this harmony has made for unity and solidarity in the Federation is inevitable, and has caused it to become a potent factor in the progress of our citizenship towards better living. With no internal decay to tear apart and destroy, the sturdy Federation oak has grown through all seasons, putting forth ever stronger branches and more luxuriant leafage, until today scarcely an enterprise is started in Texas without seeking shelter 'neath its shade.

In a history of any movement, the representatives of that movement naturally stand prominently in the public eye as personalities. But it is the loving desire of all those whose names are herein recorded to make due acknowledgment of the help and inspiration furnished by every one connected with the Federation. Many a woman, whose pound of energy has been applied at just the right moment to "make the wheels go round," is unknown. Many another must go unrecorded here, to keep this volume to a readable size. All are part of this Federation history, as all are a part of Federation achievements, through the leaders, who not only led them valiantly, but were pushed on by them to victory. So each and every member of the rank and file is hereby given the recognition due her service and loyalty to the Federation.

The arduous work of collecting data and verifying facts has been a labor of love on the part of the editor, extending over many months.

The interest evinced by the pioneer clubwomen in preserving programs, newspaper clippings, printed circular letters, published reports of conventions, and keeping scrap-books, has "saved the day" more than once in the prosecution of this work, as they have been

placed at the service of the editor. Official minutes are necessarily brief, and categorical, so that much historic information would have been lost, but for the channels mentioned above.

The original plan of having this book entirely from the editor's pen has been revised, so that each president was requested to furnish a resume of the work of her administration. Mrs. Pennybacker was the one exception. As president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, it was considered that she was bearing many heavy responsibilities, and so she was asked instead to write a "foreword" for this volume, to her beloved Texas clubwomen. From these papers, copious extracts are given, thus bringing a personal touch into the work from the various leaders, which it is believed will be appreciated by the clubwomen in general.

Personal comments upon the subject-matter of this work have not been deemed within the province of the editor. Where it has added to the interest or historical value of this book, quotations have been made from the newspapers and magazines of the day, and from the public utterances of the clubwomen themselves. It is hoped that the reader will not object to the repetition necessary for accuracy, in crediting clubwomen and clubs with their proper activities. A "taking it for granted" attitude on the part of women's organizations in general, in recording their official notes, has tended to confusion as to persons and events, and it is believed that this book will prove its value to the clubwomen, because of its definiteness along these lines.

With a term of service as officers limited to two years each, much of the work of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs has been carried over from one administration to another, ere brought to a successful completion. Thus one administration has reaped the glory of the fruition of seeds planted by a former administration. In recording these things, the words of praise bestowed upon the reaper, does not disparage the

work of the sower. All concerned in the world's good work deserve equal honor.

Especially does the citizenship of Texas owe a debt of gratitude to the organized woman's club movement of the state. Beginning as associations for self-culture and intellectual development, the women's clubs of Texas have found themselves, in the interchange of ideas and ideals, laying the foundation for better conditions of living in their communities; they have awakened the sluggish civic conscience of voters to a necessity for improvement in schools, sanitation, household and public safety, parks, playgrounds, pure food, good roads, planting and civic beauty. They have brought music and art and recreation to the community. They have taught the business man to play—have brought him shorter hours of toil, and taught him to cease being merely a cog in a machine ceaselessly grinding out money. Our state being largely in the pioneer stage of development with widely separated small communities, isolated settlements, the women's club in these small centers has been the nucleus for civic improvements, which have brought the state as a whole to the forefront with its sister states. With the welding of the individual clubs into one united whole, the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs has become a valuable factor in the moral and civic advancement of Texas. It is now regarded as one of the state's most valuable assets.

Only 25 years ago, the most conservative ideas were prevalent concerning the purpose and scope of women's literary clubs. Formed for study and "self-culture," as they said, the members laid out for themselves extensive courses of study in history, art, music and literature, and met weekly to listen placidly to each other's papers on the topic of the day, interspersed with music. Much interest was created by hunting out meanings in obscure (?) passages of Shakespeare, Browning and other classics. Every period of history was reviewed,

and art considered from every angle and curve. Though these quiet browsings in the green pastures of literature seem a far cry from the activity of the clubwoman of today, yet this Today was made possible by that Yesterday. The middle-aged woman who had passed a score or more of years rearing children, the grandmother too active to sit in the corner and spin, the young bride so fresh from her school days, that she had book knowledge "on tap," went away from these club meetings refreshed and uplifted—one class feeling the rust of years rubbed away—the other the breadth of helpfulness in giving of her fresher store. Then came the great forward step!

From interchange of ideas among individual club members, was born the idea of interchange of thought between clubs, by forming, as it were, clubs of clubs—in other words—the federation of all women's clubs for mutual benefit and greater usefulness to the world. The benefits of the General Federation being quickly recognized, state after state fell into line and organized the women's clubs within their borders into State Federations.

In the opinion of many of the pioneer women of our state, credit must be given the "Woman's Congress," as the forerunner of the idea of federation among the women's clubs of the State. This "Woman's Congress" held its first annual meeting during the progress of the State Fair in Dallas, October 31, November 1, 2, 3, 1894. The convention held its meetings in Exposition Hall. The Fort Worth Mirror of November 10, 1894, gives a most interesting account of this convention which changed its name to "The State Council of Women of Texas" at this first annual meeting. This was done for two reasons. The first, as recorded in the Mirror, was "to bring the organization into harmony with the National Council of Women." The second shows how far the marching feet of Time have carried the clubwoman of today. This second reason was

"to free the federation from the objectionable inference that it had any political significance whatever, the word 'Congress' being clothed with only a political definition by some." (The italics are added by the editor of this volume, and belong not to the dignified report of the by-gone day.) The clubwoman who has been a part of this quarter century, history-making epoch, recalls this second reason with a smile—a smile, not of derision, but of sympathy and understanding. How well she remembers the timid flutterings and quickened pulse of that day when she went forth as a delegate to this "Woman's Congress" from the woman's association of which she was a member—whether church, temperance, literature, medicine, music or art, was the particular channel of her activity. What courage it required to accept her appointment of "delegate"! Was it an honor conferred upon her, or had she been considered a "little bolder" than others, that she had consented to go? Her husband, too—good man—he was quite anxious about her taking this trip to Dallas alone, or only with other women from her town. Could they possibly buy their tickets, check their trunks, and locate a hotel without getting lost? With that spirit of true American chivalry possessed by Texas husbands—God bless 'em!—many of these latter left their desks and business to act as dutiful escorts to their wives upon that occasion. Having attended the opening session, and found themselves breathing a familiar atmosphere of flowers, silks, perfumes, connected in thought with the social gatherings of wives and sisters, and observing the trend of topics discussed was educational, the men slipped quietly away for the most part and "took in the Fair," feeling that their wives were "all right." Left to themselves, voices grew stronger, and, as no thunderbolts fell from the skies upon the speakers on the platform, the dear women present gained courage from each other, took part in the discussions, and brought out carefully cherished ideas and plans

which have since grown into genuine achievement. And after the first meeting, some of the delegates ventured to take their badges out of their purses and pin them on their dresses.

Some of the topics considered at this meeting were: Fairs as Factors in the Development of Women, by Mrs. M. M. Jouvenat, president of the Lady Board of Managers of the Horticultural and Flower Show of Sherman; The Penalties of Poetry, by Mrs. Nettie P. Houston Bringhurst of Bryan, one of her wittiest efforts; The Pastor's Wife, by Mrs. A. P. Terrell of McKinney; Manual Training in Educational Institutions by Mrs. Ella E. Hughes, preceptress of the Keene Industrial College, near Cleburne, in Johnson County; The Tribulations of Club Life, by Mrs. C. S. Cobb of Denison; a talk by Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard, State President of Woman's Christian Temperance Union, on correct teaching in the public schools regarding alcohol and its effects. Mrs. H. L. Lathrop, then serving as president of the Woman's Wednesday Club of Fort Worth, read a paper embracing the work of all the women's clubs in Fort Worth, while Mrs. J. J. Jarvis, head of the associated charities of Fort Worth, told of the noble work engaging "the hearts and hands of her co-workers." We find Mrs. Anna M. Wingrove of Denison telling of the work of the Women's Relief Corps; Miss Elizabet Ney preaching the gospel of Art for Humanity's Sake, her residence at that time being in Brenham, from whence she later removed to Austin; Rev. Mary C. Billings of Hico, acting as chaplain; Mrs. Emma G. Anderson, of Waco, discussing Does Higher Education Unfit Women for Domestic Life?; Mrs. Lortah K. Stanbery, Fort Worth, speaking of The Work of Women in the Public School; the names of Mrs. J. R. Fenn and Mrs. S. K. McIlhenny of Houston, and Mrs. Rosine Ryan, formerly of Austin, for many years now a resident of Houston, appear on the program. We find

Dr. Ellen Lawson Dabbs of Fort Worth serving as president and urging co-operation. Mrs. H. F. Ring and Mrs. John F. Dickson of Houston as delegates, with Mrs. John F. Dickson receiving the honor of Vice-president at large. Our time-yellowed newspaper tells us that Mrs. S. Isador Minor (Pauline Periwinkle), and Mrs. Fannie Segur Foster of Dallas, were elected to serve respectively as secretary and treasurer, while Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Woman's Wednesday Club, Fort Worth; Mrs. C. S. Cobb, XXI Club, Denison; and Mrs. C. C. Hemming, XLI Club, Gainesville, served as the Executive Board. Through the same medium we learn that the little town of Hillsboro had outstripped Fort Worth and Dallas in having a self-sustaining public library, as reported by Miss Serena Long.

Because of the personnel of this convention, it becomes a link in this history of the Federation of Women's Clubs, as a preparation of the flower-beds from whose soil should spring the fair federation blossom. A glance at the constitution of The State Council of Women of Texas shows how its spirit of fair dealing and its resolution to maintain the independence of the individual units forming its membership have echoed down the years in the various changes and revisions rendered necessary by progress, in the constitution of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Article II. of the constitution of this Council, states its "general policy"; "The aim of this Council shall be to bring the various associations of women of Texas into closer relations through an organization, but no society entering the Council shall thereby lose its independence in aim or method, or be committed to any principle or method of any other society in the Council; the object of which is to serve as a medium of communication and a means of prosecuting any work of common interest." The women whose force and far-sightedness were behind the drafting of this constitution, later did good work

in planning wisely for the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. For the era of specialization was dawning, and the literary clubs of the state had their own vision of bringing the world's knowledge into barren lives through the medium of the printed page, by way of public libraries and better educational facilities. The effort required to gain access to costly reference books, the comparatively meager resources of even what might be termed "large private libraries" for that day aroused in those who were enjoying their studies in literature and art, a great desire to make the way easier for others. How could this best be accomplished? The Council of Women of Texas was too diverse in interest to those who saw it would be wiser to concentrate their efforts on supplying the great need of public libraries for the state. So another channel of activity must be sought.

To the Wednesday Club of Fort Worth belongs the honor of first suggesting the federation of the Women's Literary Clubs of Texas into a state organization. This was in 1895, but the clubs seemed not yet ready for separate action, and, after an interchange of correspondence with several of the clubs, the matter was dropped for a more propitious moment.

How this propitious moment arrived, and its outcome has been so ably told by Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco in an address delivered to the clubwomen in 1897, that it is herewith quoted almost in its entirety:

***** "In April of the present year (1897), the 'Woman's Club' of Waco took up the much discussed subject of federation, and, feeling older and more secure of their club life, ventured to issue invitations to other women's clubs in the state, to send delegates to a general convention to be held in Waco on the 13th and 14th of May. The response was most generous, and on the afternoon of the first day named, a splendid body of representative women met in the hall of the Philo Literary Club, to inaugurate the new enterprise. There

were accredited delegates present from eighteen women's clubs of the state. Mrs. E. H. Dickson, the president of the Woman's Club of Waco, delivered the address of welcome. In a few well-chosen words, she stated the objects of the meeting. Full of enthusiasm herself, she inspired her hearers with like zeal, and when she closed, the success of the first effort to organize a Federation of Women's Clubs in Texas was assured. The hearty outburst of approval which met this statement of aims and purposes, proved that this was no new idea which the wives, mothers and daughters of Texas had for the first time come together to discuss. The strong, earnest women present gave instant assent to all that was said, and set about to promote and encourage woman's work for woman's good.

"The routine work of the convention was dispatched with an ease and readiness which suggested a heartiness in the work auguring well for the future good of the Federation. Pending the report of the credentials and nominating committees, the convention heard brief statements from the various clubs, setting forth their methods of study and their plans for future work. The gem of the afternoon was a paper by Mrs. Geo. K. Meyer of the Pierian Club of Dallas, on the Benefits of the Federation. Of this paper Mrs. Tanner, the corresponding secretary of the New York Federation of Woman's Clubs, writes: 'I was charmed with Mrs. Meyer's paper. It is very bright and original, and seems like the work of a mind developed by a state as large and broad as Texas.' The work of the day closed with the reports of committees, the election of officers and appointment of a committee to formulate constitution and by-laws. At the second day's meeting, a constitution and by-laws were adopted, permanent committees appointed, and an executive board named. The secretary read a letter of greetings and congratulations from Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, of Chicago, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This letter was couched in terms of the warmest interest, and expressed a hearty desire to see Texas represented at the coming biennial convention in Denver. At this morning session, Mrs. W. A. Adams, of Fort Worth, read a very thoughtful and instructive paper on the Literary Advantages of State Federation. After naming Tyler as the place for the next annual meeting, the Federation adjourned.

"The social features of this notable gathering of Texas women must not be forgotten. An evening club reception and an afternoon luncheon afforded ample opportunity for the renewal of old, and the establishment of new friendships. Free interchange of thought and opinion served but to strengthen and confirm the belief that this new union will accomplish much good. This Federation stands for mutual help and mutual advancement. It stands for higher ideals of life and purer modes of existence. It stands for moral, social, educational and artistic development. It would eliminate the selfish, egotistic idea, which has so long dominated our social and economic fabric, and substitute therefor the sentiment that good to others is the greatest good to ourselves. This sentiment not only takes in its scope the wide horizon, but embraces also the lowly duties that lie nearest to us, and that make up so great a part of the life of every wife and mother.

"The keynote to this work is education, not merely that which lies in books, but that higher and nobler sort that elevates and improves every human faculty—that inspires everywhere a love for the good, the true, the beautiful—that sends out men's hearts and hands to lighten life's burdens, to mitigate human suffering, to dignify labor, and to increase the world's store of knowledge. This education, to quote from a late club address, 'begs women to educate themselves not for their own sakes, but for the sake of others—for, whether they will or not, they must educate others. Whatever will serve to emulate high living and higher

thinking, will here engage our best thought and effort.' The Texas Federation of Women's Literary Clubs invites to membership every eligible organization in the State, and earnestly desires the sympathy and active co-operation of all good women everywhere."

In the Dallas Morning News of Sunday, November 22, 1903, appears a "Succinct History of the Woman's Club Movement in Texas," from its incipency up to that time. This article is from the clever pen of Mrs. J. C. Terrell, of Fort Worth, whose heart and brain have ever been consecrated to the woman's club movement.

It contains some interesting facts. Speaking of the era succeeding the "antebellum days" it states: "Later came the 'Ladies' Reading Circle' and the 'Ladies' Literary Societies,' for these were the days before the homely word 'woman' had come into respect with polite society. Many such quiet circles existed in Texas. As the survival of this era may be regarded the Bronte Literary Circle of the old town of Victoria, now the Victoria Bronte Club, and the 'Ladies' Reading Circle of Houston,' which remains true to its traditions by retaining the distinguished 'Ladies' although calling itself a 'club.' So much for indigenous effort, in making ready for broader impulse. It is recalled that in 1873, 'The Society to Encourage Studies at Home' was founded by Anna A. Tichnor, with headquarters at Boston, Mass. The society there established a lending library for the benefit of its students. Books required for the course of study elected could be had from the library for postage one way. *Three clubs in Texas*, the Woman's Wednesday Club of Fort Worth, the XXI Club of Denison, and the Shakespeare Club of Sherman studied with the Boston society, and *were represented in its annual gatherings.*" The same writer relates: "So far as your chronicler can ascertain, there were in the '80s some twenty such organizations (women's

clubs), and at a conference held by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Chicago, 1892, at least *three Texas clubs were represented.*"

Mention has already been made of the first effort of the Woman's Wednesday Club of Fort Worth to bring about a federation of the literary clubs. The Pierian Club of Dallas deserves the honor of aiding in the forward movement towards federation of the clubs—quoting from the above-mentioned article—"by entertaining the clubwomen of adjacent places at a conference which was a practical demonstration of the pleasure and advantage to be derived from such gatherings. Hence, when a call was issued by the Woman's Club of Waco to the literary clubs of the state to send representatives to a general convention to be held in that city on May 13 and 14, 1897, to consider the formation of some sort of union, there was a most generous response." * * * * * The object, as stated in the constitution there adopted, was 'to advance and encourage Texas women in literary work, to promote and encourage fraternal intercourse among literary clubs within and without the state, and to secure all the benefits resulting from organized effort.' Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco, member of the Woman's Club, was chosen president of the new organization. Six vice-presidents, two secretaries and a treasurer were also elected, these, with the president, to constitute the Executive Board. The wise selection of leaders and the impartial distribution of offices among clubs of various sections gave at once that prestige which attracted Texas women of heart, brain and social position. The immediate influence of this organization was felt throughout the state. New clubs were formed, and, with those timid ones that had waited to see the trend of the movement, hastened to signify a desire for affiliation and to accept the invitation to become members."

The twenty-one clubs forming the charter members of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, together

with the names of the two delegates from each one of the eighteen clubs represented at Waco, deserve to be embalmed in memory's amber. Here is the roll, as taken from the official book of minutes of that date:

American History Club, Austin, Mrs. T. F. Mitchell, Mrs. James J. Arthur; Magazine Club, Cleburne, Mrs. J. D. Osborn, Mrs. William Stratton; XIX Century Club, Corsicana, Mrs. Rufus Hardy, Miss Hallie Halbert (Mrs. James F. Rosborough); Current Events Club, Dallas, Mrs. A. P. Cary; Pierian Club, Dallas, Mrs. A. C. Ardrey, Mrs. Geo. K. Meyer; Shakespeare Club, Dallas, Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell; Standard Club, Dallas, Mrs. Sidney Smith, Mrs. E. P. Turner; Ariel Literary Society, Denton, Mrs. W. A. Ponder, Mrs. Ida B. (John C.) Coit; Woman's Wednesday Club, Fort Worth, Mrs. W. A. Adams, Mrs. J. C. Harrison; Wednesday Club, Galveston, Miss Bettie Ballinger, Miss Mary Davis; Woman's Club, Houston, Mrs. J. T. Brady, Mrs. Alma McDonald; Ladies' Reading Club, Houston, Mrs. C. A. McKinney; Owl Club, McKinney, Mrs. John Church, Mrs. Maggie Garnett; Shakespeare Club, Sherman, Miss Moore; Quid Nunc Club, Tyler, Mrs. S. G. Warner; Social Science Club, Terrell, Mrs. William D. Christian, Miss Cartwright; Literary Club, Waco, Mrs. D. C. Bolinger, Miss Johnson; Woman's Club, Waco, Mrs. Edward Dickson, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Bessie J. Patton. Pathfinders' Club, Austin; XXI Club, Denison; the '93 Club, Fort Worth, had no delegates present, but sent greetings and their application to join the Federation as charter members, by letter.

At 2:30 p. m. on May 13, 1897, the delegates were called to order by Mrs. Edward Dickson, president of the Woman's Club of Waco. A temporary organization was effected by electing Mrs. Dickson chairman, and Mrs. John C. Harrison, Wednesday Club, Fort Worth, as temporary secretary.

The following committees were appointed on permanent organization: The Committee on Credentials,

Miss Moore, Shakespeare Club, Sherman; Mrs. Patton, Woman's Club, Waco; Mrs. Ardrey, Pierian Club, Dallas, who soon reported thirty-two delegates present; Committee on Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. Sydney Smith, Standard Club, Dallas; Mrs. Rufus Hardy, XIX Century Club, Corsicana; Mrs. Bell, Fort Worth; Miss Bettie Ballinger, Wednesday Club, Galveston; Mrs. Alma McDonald, Woman's Club, Houston. Nominating Committee: Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell, Shakespeare Club, Dallas; Miss Bettie Ballinger, Wednesday Club, Galveston; Mrs. Bessie Patton, Woman's Club, Waco; Mrs. William D. Christian, Social Science Club, Terrell; Mrs. John Church, Owl Club, McKinney; Mrs. Alma McDonald, Woman's Club, Houston; Mrs. J. J. Arthur, American History Club, Austin.

While these ladies were attending to their respective duties, the delegates were called upon for reports of their club activities. The time was pleasantly and profitably spent in this interchange of ideas, many of the clubwomen learning for the first time what the literary clubs were doing in other parts of the State.

The nominating committee brought in its report, heading it with the name of Mrs. Edward Rotan, Woman's Club, of Waco, who was elected by acclamation, as the first president of the Texas Federation of Literary Clubs. The nominating committee's report was adopted, resulting in the election of the following officers: Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Woman's Wednesday Club, Fort Worth, first vice-president; Mrs. A. C. Ardrey, Pierian Club, Dallas, second vice-president; Mrs. M. Looscan, Ladies' Reading Club, Houston, third vice-president; Mrs. J. J. Arthur, American History Club, Austin, fourth vice-president; Mrs. S. C. Cobb, XXI Club, Denison, fifth vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Ponder, Ariel Literary Society, Denton, sixth vice-president; Mrs. George K. Meyer, Pierian Club, Dallas, recording secretary; Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Woman's Club, Waco,

corresponding secretary, and Miss Hallie Halbert, XIX Century Club, Corsicana, treasurer.

After electing officers, upon motion, the meeting adjourned until the following day. The official minutes, from which this data is gathered, are signed by Mrs. J. C. Harrison, temporary secretary.

"The State Federation of Woman's Literary Clubs came together for its first regular meeting in Philo Hall with its newly elected president, Mrs. Edward Rotan of the Woman's Club, Waco, presiding, and Mrs. George K. Meyer of the Pierian Club, Dallas, recording secretary," the official minutes of this date state. After roll call showing each delegate present, the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws brought in its report, which was adopted.

This original draft of the Constitution and By-laws is preserved in the Texas Federation archives, just as it was presented, written in ink on a few sheets of paper, with the signatures of the delegates affixed in their own handwriting, as they severally signed as representatives of their clubs, which thus became the charter members. This document is very precious to the clubwomen, and has been carefully passed along with other records from recording secretary to recording secretary. It has passed through many vicissitudes, traveling over the beloved State which gave it birth, but it has survived them all, and now is to rest from its journeys. The year 1918 is to see all the valuable records of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs deposited in a safety vault at some central location, where they will be accessible for reference at any time.

Because of the interest attached to the "beginnings of things," and because the closing chapter of this record sees the adoption by the State Federation of an entirely new constitution and by-laws, it is fitting that the original Constitution and By-Laws should appear in these early pages:

CONSTITUTION.

Article I: Name. This Association shall be called the Texas Federation of Women's Literary Clubs. Article II: Objects. The objects of this Association shall be to advance and encourage Texas women in literary work, to promote and encourage fraternal intercourse among literary clubs within and without the state, and to secure all the benefits resulting from organized effort. Article III: Membership. Any Woman's literary club in the State of Texas shall be eligible to membership. Article IV: Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a president, six vice-presidents, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, treasurer and an Executive Board. Article V: Executive Board. The officers of this Association and three other members to be elected at each annual meeting shall constitute the Executive Board. Article VI: Each club shall be entitled to one vote. Each vote must be cast by the delegate sent by the club.

BY-LAWS. No. 1.—Quorums. One-fifth of the membership of this Federation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and three shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board. No. 2.—Applications. Applications for membership must be made in writing and accompanied with three dollars, and necessary facts as to eligibility, and applicants must be recommended by two clubs already members of the Federation. All applications must be referred to the Executive Board, whose duty it shall be to examine the same and report at the first subsequent meeting. Upon favorable report, the applicants must be received by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Upon election and payment of dues, each club shall receive a membership certificate containing its name and

signed by both Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, which certificate is also a receipt for dues. No. 3.—Dues. Annual dues shall be three dollars, the initiation fee serving as dues for the first year. Dues must be paid in advance. Each club shall be entitled to send one delegate to the annual meeting. No. 4—Order. All meetings of this Federation shall be conducted according to parliamentary rule, Roberts' Rules of Order being the standard. No. 5—Meetings. The regular annual meeting of this Federation shall be held at such place as may be selected by the Federation. Special meetings may be called by a four-fifths vote of the Executive Board. No. 6—Officers. All officers and standing committees for the year must be elected at the annual meeting. Vacancies in office must be filled for the unexpired term by the Executive Board. No. 7—Amendments. The Constitution and By-Laws of this Federation may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, written notice having been furnished the Executive Board not less than two months previous. No. 8. This Federation shall not as a whole become auxiliary to any organization without the unanimous concurrence of the clubs comprising the Texas Federation, but any individual club belonging to the Federation may do so.

Signed:

- Mrs. Edward Rotan, President.
- Mrs. Sydney Smith, Standard Club, Dallas.
- Mrs. Alma McDonald, Woman's Club, Houston.
- Mrs. A. C. Ardrey, Pierian Club, Dallas.
- Mrs. George K. Meyer, Pierian Club, Dallas.
- Mrs. Kate B. McKinney (Mrs. C. A.), Ladies' Reading Club, Houston.
- Mrs. J. C. Harrison, Woman's Wednesday Club, Fort Worth.
- Mrs. W. A. Adams, Woman's Wednesday Club, Fort Worth.

- Mrs. E. P. Turner, Standard Club, Dallas.
Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell, Shakespeare Club, Dallas.
Mrs. Mary E. Christian (Mrs. William D.), Social Science Club, Terrell.
(Mrs.) Bessie J. Patton, Woman's Club, Waco.
(Mrs.) Eliza M. Dickson, Woman's Club, Waco.
Mrs. James D. Osborn, Magazine Club, Cleburne.
Mrs. William H. Stratton, Magazine Club, Cleburne.
Alma Lozier Warner (Mrs. S. G.), Quid Nunc Club, Tyler.
Mrs. Rufus Hardy, Nineteenth Century Club, Corsicana.
(Miss) Hallie Halbert (Mrs. James F. Rosborough), Nineteenth Century Club, Corsicana.
Cora L. Ponder (Mrs. W. A.), Ariel Literary Society, Denton.
Ida B. Coit (Mrs. John C.), Ariel Literary Society, Denton.
Pearl B. Cary (Mrs. A. P.), Current Events Club, Dallas.
(Mrs.) Maggie B. Garnett, Owl Club, McKinney.
Julia Church (Mrs. John), Owl Club, McKinney.
Dora Fowler Arthur (Mrs. J. J.), American History Club, Austin.
Mrs. T. F. Mitchell, American History Club, Austin.
Eugenia Rhea, XXI Club, Denison.
(Miss) Bettie Ballinger, Wednesday Club, Galveston.
(Mrs.) Mary Davis, Wednesday Club, Galveston.
Virginia C. Mitchell, '93 Club, Fort Worth.
Lillian Metz, Shakespeare Club, Sherman.
Mrs. V. O. King, Pathfinders Club, Austin.

The Constitution, as adopted, calling for three members from the clubwomen at large, to be elected by the voting body at each annual meeting, to complete the membership of the Executive Board, this honor was accorded to Mrs. S. G. Warner, Quid Nunc Club, Tyler;

Mrs. William D. Christian, Social Science Club, Terrell; Miss Bettie Ballinger, Wednesday Club, Galveston. Tyler secured the place of next meeting in competition against Cleburne, Dallas, Austin and Fort Worth, date to be named by the Executive Board. Before adjournment sine die, Mrs. Sydney Smith, Standard Club, Dallas, Mrs. William D. Christian, Social Science Club, Terrell, and Mrs. John C. Coit, Ariel Literary Society, Denton, were appointed a committee "suitably to express thanks for the many courtesies extended the Federation during the convention in Waco."

To avoid any future controversy, the official minutes wisely record: "The thanks of the Federation are extended to the Wednesday Club of Fort Worth as the originator of the Federation movement, and to the Woman's Club of Waco for having successfully effected the organization."

Quoting once more from Mrs. Terrell's newspaper article already mentioned, one reads: "With organization came a conscious strength and a sense of responsibility for its use. Literary culture was the *raison d'être* of the individual club, in itself a noble purpose, but it was felt that such an organization of women as the State Federation must stand for some united effort for social advancement in Texas." With mutual congratulations and pleasurable anticipations for the future, the visiting women departed to their homes to ponder over these subjects, knowing they had started a forward movement of helpfulness, but unwitting how great a moral force this movement would come to be in the onward progress of their state! If to work for the good of one's country is patriotism, then surely these women were most loyal patriots! For in the years which have since elapsed, and for many years yet to come, the home, the school, the city and the rural districts are reaping and will reap the benefits of the sowing by that conference of women in Waco, May 13 and 14, 1897.





MRS. EDWARD ROTAN
Waco

CHAPTER II.

THE FIRST ADMINISTRATION.

1897-1899.

"Unity of thought, of purpose, of sympathy, is kinship often stronger than ties of blood, and is the subtil force that underlies every forward step in human advancement."

—Mrs. Edward Rotan in Annual Address at Tyler, April 27, 1898.—

"Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco is a woman that any state would be proud to claim as its daughter. She possesses a charming personality and presides with ease, dignity and tact."

—"Lucy Lucky" in San Antonio Newspaper Correspondence, May 1, 1898.—

Mrs. Rotan and her coadjutors took up the work of the new Federation with enthusiasm. Personal letters were written and visits to clubs already organized were made, while assistance was rendered in organizing new clubs in towns where none existed.

The first meeting of the Executive Board of the State Federation of Women's Literary Clubs was held in Dallas, October 27, 1897, at the residence of Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie (Muse).

The resignation of Mrs. S. C. Cobb, of Denison, as fifth vice-president was accepted, Mrs. W. A. Ponder of Denton, sixth vice-president, was advanced to fill the vacancy, and Mrs. John Church of McKinney elected

as sixth vice-president. The recognition of the Pathfinders' Club of Austin, the XXI Club of Denison, and '93 Club of Fort Worth as charter members was granted, as those clubs had duly elected delegates who were prevented by circumstances from attending the Waco Convention. This list of honor, consisting of 21 clubs, was then declared closed.

Applications were received from 15 clubs, which were unanimously recommended for membership.

The following standing committees were appointed: On Printing: Mrs. Sidney Smith and Mrs. E. P. Turner, both of the Standard Club, Dallas; on Literary Program for next annual meeting, Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Woman's Wednesday Club, Fort Worth; Mrs. J. J. Arthur, American History Club, Austin; Mrs. James F. Rosborough of Marshall, which is the new name and residence of the treasurer who, when elected, was Miss Hallie Halbert of Corsicana. A standing committee on Lectures, composed of Mrs. S. G. Warner, Tyler, and Mrs. J. D. Thomas of Waco, had already been appointed that they might have a schedule of work ready to present to the Executive Board at this first meeting. This committee had secured Mrs. Emma T. Jones for lectures on Household Economics and the Executive Board authorized this committee "to correspond with a Shakespearean reader of good standing" and send out circular letters to the clubs offering these attractions for their consideration. In connection with the coming of Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Terrell in a letter to the editor, under date of November 29, 1915, referring to that time, says: "One important item of Mrs. Rotan's generosity— * * * * At her own expense, she had Mrs. Emma T. Jones of Detroit, Mich., Economic lecturer, come to the state. A number of clubs had Mrs. Jones. I hope you will mention it in the History. At the recent Biennial in Chicago, she sought me out." (What a reminiscent conversation they must have enjoyed.)

Returning to the Board meeting, we find: The

treasurer reported the modest sum of \$19.50 on hand.

With gracious thanks for the hospitality enjoyed at the hands of the Dallas clubwomen, this first Executive Board meeting of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs passed into history.

Again we quote from our time-yellowed Dallas News, of November 22, 1903: "That was a notable gathering to which the little city of Tyler gave old-time hospitality, April, 1898, for it was the first annual meeting of the Texas Federation of Women's Literary Clubs, and Texas clubdom was the fortunate guest not of clubwomen only, but of the entire citizenship. In a dignified opening address the president outlined the policy of the organization in a manner that disarmed critics and won the support of the men of Texas. Then the literary element was represented by Mrs. Henry Exall of the Dallas Shakespeare Club in a brilliant effort, Club Study of Shakespeare, after which Mrs. Annie McLean Moores of the Fort Worth Woman's Wednesday Club presented a telling address, Public Libraries, the Proposed Work of the Federation, which was ably discussed by President Winston of the State University. These with welcoming addresses and charming music introduced the Federation and augured well for the success of the convention. At the regular proceedings the following days, gentlemen were in attendance, manifesting a quizzical interest, and on the qui vive for parliamentary blunders, which were furnished, to their evident amusement, but the ready tact and wit of the president saved the day. Crude, and even humorous, as was this first convention, its proceedings were fraught with interest to all Texas, for here was passed a resolution 'That the establishment of public libraries be adopted as the work of this Federation.' Reports of clubs submitted (all read from manuscript) showed active altruism along several lines of public work. Hence a motion prevailed to remodel the constitution so as to cover the broadened scope of club activity." This

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Applications were received from 18 clubs, which were recommended by the Executive Board for membership.

According to the official program of the occasion, the opening session of the convention was held Wednesday evening, April 27th, at 8 o'clock in Elks' Hall.

From the president's address on that evening, the following extracts are taken: "As president of this Federation it becomes my duty—and it affords me much pleasure—to report the progress of the work since the organization of the State Association in Waco in May of last year. * * * * It is interesting to note that most of those original clubs were strong, compact, thoroughly equipped orders, many of them more than 10, and at least one, more than 14 years old. This fact is significant, as showing the temper and quality of the Texas women of the day when railroads were but just beginning to enter the State. * * * *

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long before the movement which so lately culminated at Waco. * * * * *

"Evidences were not lacking at Dallas at the Executive Board meeting of great zeal and interest among the clubwomen of the state, in behalf of the new enterprise. Letters filled with inquiry and commendation came from cities, towns and hamlets. Brave, earnest, thoughtful women everywhere sent messages of hearty sympathy and encouragement. * * * * * The discussion at Dallas took wide range and included many topics of vital interest to clubwomen. It was impossible, at that time, however, to formulate into active existence all the subject matters that presented themselves. The series of lectures on household economics and Shakespearean interpretations arranged for at that time have had excellent results. The subject of public libraries claimed a large share of attention. Discussion developed the fact that more than one nucleus had already been established, which promises to grow into a work of fair proportions and great usefulness. The 'traveling library,' new to most Texas readers, is taking root, and several plans are now on foot, looking to a gift of this sort for every cross-roads village, accessible to every household, and free to every lover of books. By concerted action and a trifling expenditure of money, small 'traveling libraries' can be established, affording new privileges to every farmer's wife and daughter, opening to larger life and stimulating to greater effort many minds that are now dulled and disheartened by a ceaseless round of daily tasks. * * * * * Plans for club extension and for the establishment of a 'reciprocity bureau' have been informally discussed and are commended to the thoughtful consideration of this assembly.

"The work has everywhere been most pleasant and profitable. The year is filled with memories of hearty welcome, gracious courtesy and generous response. The

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new idea in the development of the race, which has taken firm root in every cultivated land. This new idea is the necessary complement of the social, artistic and educational progress of the age in which we live. It is the friend of civilization, the companion of fine arts and the handmaiden of religion. It is the altruism of today, which has happily succeeded the egotism of yesterday. Whether we, as individuals, win or lose, this thought has come to stay. It will permeate all hearts, fructify all lands and carry us a day's march nearer the Utopia of our dreams." * * * * *

A pretty piece of sentiment at this evening session was the presentation of a gavel to the Federation on behalf of the Quid Nunc Club of Tyler, by Mrs. S. G. Warner.

This gavel was made of 12 different Texas woods, representing 12 donors. A Texas star of inlaid woods adorned each end, and it contained the following inscription: "Presented to the Texas Federation of Women's Literary Clubs by the Quid Nunc Club of Tyler, April 27, 1898." A neat box of native woods accompanied the gift, wherein the gavel might repose when not in use.

On Thursday, April 28, with this gavel in hand, the president opened the morning session promptly at 9 a. m. "Mrs. Rotan, after greeting the members and delegates, again thanked the generous donors (of the gavel) for this handsome gift, in material and workmanship, worthy alike of giver and recipient." The president appointed Committee on Credentials: Mrs. S. G. Warner, Quid Nunc Club, Tyler; Miss Moore, Shakespeare Club, Sherman; Miss Mamie Gearing, Woman's Club, Houston. Reports of officers followed the usual procedure. The next interesting thing to be noted from the "minutes" is the reports from 29 clubs through their delegates. The record reads:

"Without exception these reports were most gratifying, showing an advance along broader lines, a reaching out after nobler and less selfish work and a thorough sympathy with the federation movement, which was often referred to as an inspiration to stronger effort. Many of these reports showed that the library work was being taken up, 11 clubs reporting libraries of their own, and several having established club rooms. One club proudly owns its own building, and another has received during the year a handsome donation towards a club and library building. Four local federations were formed during the year, certainly a step taken in the right direction, Tyler, Fort Worth, Waco and Greenville enjoying the distinction of being the pioneers."

The following clubs recommended for membership by the Executive Board (15 at Dallas, 18 at Tyler) were unanimously elected at this session: Shakespeare Club, Abilene; XXI Club, Abilene; Woman's Wednesday Club, Belton; Shakespeare Club, Calvert; Shakespeare Club, Cleburne; Up-to-Date Club, Colorado; Hawthorne Club, Cuero; XLI Club, Gainesville; F. A. D. Club, Georgetown; Standard Reading Club, Greenville; Woman's Review Club, Greenville; Monday Book Club, Fort Worth; Sesame Society, Hillsboro; Shakespeare Circle, Ladonia; Irving Club, Lockhart; Woman's Club, Marshall; Rush Light Club, McKinney; Cum Concilio Club, Nacogdoches; Self-Culture Club, Palestine; Quaero Club, Oak Cliff; XIX Century Club, Pilot Point; History Club, San Antonio; Sorosis Club, San Marcos; Self-Culture Club, Temple; Progressive Chautauqua, Terrell; Athenian Circle, Tyler; First Literary Club, Tyler; Shakespeare Club, Tyler; XX Century Club, Tyler; Yamparika Club, Vernon; Bronte Literary Club, Victoria; Texas Woman's Press Club, Waco; Shakespeare Club, Waxahachie.

"An excellent paper on Parliamentary Observance in

Clubs, prepared by Mrs. Ella Munson, XXI Club, Denison, was read by Mrs. Dains" of the same club just before adjournment.

The afternoon was devoted to papers and addresses on subjects closely related to club life. Mrs. H. F. Ring, Ladies' Reading Club, Houston, on Advantages of Federation to the Club and to the Individual; Mrs. G. W. Hardy, XIX Club, Corsicana, on Nature and Value of Local Federations; Mrs. Julia Church, Owl Club, McKinney, on What Other State Federations Are Doing; Mrs. Edward Lilly, Magazine Club, Cleburne, on Women's Clubs in County Neighborhoods; Mrs. Kate S. Terrell, Current Events and History Club, Dallas, on The Club in Relation to the Home; Mrs. F. Tompkins, Ariel Club, Denton, on Is the Club Woman a Better Mother and Homemaker? and Mrs. R. O. Rounsavall, Literary Club, Waco, on The Mother and the School from the Teacher's Point of View, furnished a program both delightful and instructive.

A brilliant reception in honor of the officers and delegates was held at Charnwood Hill, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jester, from 8 to 12 p. m. on Thursday evening.

The morning session of Friday, April 29, was a memorable one. At this session, Mrs. J. C. Terrell introduced that famous resolution which was to outline the chief activity of the Federation for years to come, and was destined through this channel to bring good reading matter to almost every hamlet and cross-roads in the state, and to result in the thousands of dollars expended by Mr. Andrew Carnegie in supplying library buildings to many cities and towns in Texas. It earned for Mrs. Terrell herself the pseudonym "Mother of Texas Libraries," and an enduring place in the annals of the great women who have given impetus to the

advancement of the state. This resolution was as follows: "1. That the establishment of Public Free Libraries in Texas be adopted as the work of the Federation. 2. That the president appoint a library committee of five as a standing committee. 3. That the president of the State University, the State Superintendent of Education and three other gentlemen be requested to work with committee as an advisory board in devising ways and means for the accomplishment of this great work." The brilliant address of Mrs. Annie McLean Moores on this topic, delivered on the opening evening of the convention, had sown the seed in the receptive hearts of all who heard her. That she gave this spirited address without referring to notes or manuscript, was so unusual for a woman, at that time, that it added to the close attention her subject elicited from her auditors. Every clubwoman saw the need of her own and other communities in this respect. Realizing the dearth of library facilities throughout the state, the response to the resolution was hearty and enthusiastic, and it was adopted unanimously. Throughout years of arduous work, sometimes apparently checked, but never discouraged, never turned from their purpose, the movement started by the clubwomen that day has gathered momentum with each passing year, until it has become a standing department of work in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs under the head of Library Extension, and has to its credit the establishment of a State Library Commission, many libraries over the state, and the maintenance of an ever active interest in library work.

At this juncture, a resolution was introduced which was to have an important bearing upon the progress of the Federation, and which opened up one of its greatest factors for success. The minutes read "Mrs. Reuben Phillips of Tyler spoke eloquently in behalf of the Club Monthly which her Club, the XX Century, had

published in the interest of Club work during the past year, and asked the Federation to undertake the work of carrying on its publication. Mrs. L. C. Fisher, Galveston, Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Fort Worth, Mrs. Mary Herndon Gray, Tyler, spoke in support of the resolution which was carried by a rising vote and the President asked to appoint a committee of five to arrange the details when the XX Century should give it up." At the afternoon session of this same date, Mrs. S. Isadore Minor (Calloway) of the Dallas News, by invitation of the President, addressed the body regarding the publication of its official organ, and suggested that a club editor be appointed to collect and compile official club news, to be published through the great dailies of the state. "A motion to reconsider the publication of the Club monthly and adopt Mrs. Minor's suggestion was adopted." Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell, Dallas, was elected the first editor, and all power to act in regard to this matter, placed in the hands of the Executive Board. Thus the columns of the largest state dailies were opened to the clubwomen, the Federation movement endorsed by the state press, and a notable channel of publicity established. The Dallas News has ever since remained a staunch friend of the Federation cause, and though a score of other publications are now equally as friendly, have as generously given of their space to aid Federation aims and purposes, and have assisted materially in Federation achievements, yet the Dallas News was its first friend in this regard. And so the little earnest Club Monthly, though short-lived, planted an acorn which has grown into a mighty oak!

A discussion upon the constitution and by-laws was closed by the adoption of a resolution, offered by Mrs. D. C. Bollinger of Waco, to appoint a committee on revision of which the president should be an active member.

Another noteworthy event, as a contrast between the clubwoman of 1897 and the clubwoman of 1918, was

the appeal made by Mrs. J. C. Terrell, in giving her report as chairman of the Program Committee, to the clubwomen to "cultivate the faculty of speaking in the meetings of the Federation." Those days of the early dawn of effort are most interesting, in following the evolution of the Texas Federation. The minutes state: "Mrs. J. J. Arthur made a spirited talk, insisting on the benefit of discussion and urging its importance." Mrs. Wm. B. Toon, Social Science Club, Terrell, read an excellent paper on The Social Feature in Clubs, ere adjournment until 2 p. m.

The afternoon was again devoted to papers and addresses showing much earnestness and thought in preparation and full of instruction. Before hearing the first paper, the Woman's Club of Temple, whose application had been received and passed upon by the Executive Board, was unanimously elected to membership, making a total membership of 55 clubs. Miss Moore, Shakespeare Club, Sherman, then gave The Ideal Club; Mrs. Kate C. Currie (Muse), Pierian Club, Dallas, Woman's Clubs from Man's Point of View—she stated that she had interviewed 35 men in preparing the data for this paper, and had exemplified the old adage "many men of many minds"; Mrs. L. C. Fisher, Wednesday Club, Galveston, made a Plea for Thoroughness in Club Work; Mrs. E. J. Kiest, Standard Club, Dallas, gave Club Ethics; Mrs. J. J. Arthur, American History Club, Austin, a paper, History Study in Clubs, the discussion thereon being led by Miss Anna Shelton, '93 Club, Fort Worth.

At the conclusion of this literary program, the election of officers was held, resulting in the enthusiastic re-election of Mrs. Rotan as president by a unanimous vote, with the following Board: First Vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Fort Worth; Second Vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Brown, Tyler; Third Vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Stayton, Cuero; Fourth Vice-president, Mrs. James J. Arthur, Austin; Fifth Vice-president, Mrs. W. A.

Ponder, Denton; Sixth Vice-president, Mrs. John Church, McKinney; Recording Secretary, Mrs. George K. Meyer, Dallas; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Waco; Mrs. J. W. Hale, Waco (assistant); Treasurer, Mrs. James F. Rosborough, Marshall; appointed members, Mrs. S. G. Warner, Tyler; Mrs. William D. Christian, Terrell; Miss Bettie Ballinger, Galveston.

The following votes of thanks are recorded: "To Mrs. R. H. Brown of Tyler, the editor of the Club Monthly, for her untiring zeal and great assistance during the past year; to Mr. Rotan, who by his advice and encouragement has done much to make the first year successful; to Mrs. Minor of the Dallas News and Miss Fenwick of the San Antonio Express and the papers they represent, for able assistance. Thanks to the good people of Tyler and the City Federation whose hospitality shall be long remembered and tenderly cherished." Austin, Cleburne, Denison, Fort Worth, Galveston and Greenville delivered invitations for the next annual convention, and in the resultant ballot, Galveston won. The invitation from Dallas to the Executive Board to hold its second mid-year meeting in that hospitable city was accepted, and the first annual convention of the Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs, adjourned sine die, after the appointment of the following standing committees: Program—Mrs. Charles Bonner, Tyler; Mrs. L. C. Fisher, Galveston; Mrs. L. J. Polk, Galveston; Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell, Dallas; Lectures—Mrs. S. G. Warner, Tyler; Mrs. W. A. Ponder, Denton; Mrs. John Church, McKinney; Printing—Mrs. Sidney Smith, Dallas; Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; Library—Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Fort Worth; Miss Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio; Mrs. W. D. House, Waco; Mrs. C. C. Hemming, Gainesville; Mrs. James F. Rosborough, Marshall; Library Advisory Committee—Dr. George F. Winston, Texas University, Austin; Prof. J. W. Carlisle, Superintendent of Public Instruction,

Austin; Mr. C. Lombardi, Houston; Judge Rufus Hardy, Corsicana; Mr. L. B. Shook, Abilene.

The social features of the convention culminated in the banquet given the same evening, with the City Federation of Women's Clubs of Tyler, as hosts, when "the cares of state laid aside," the visiting and local clubwomen sat with their gentlemen guests, and vied with each other in sparkling toasts and witty speeches. So many were there of these, that "the wee sma' hours" of the Scottish poet had arrived ere the close was reached.

In a recent address, Mrs. Henry B. Fall of Houston, thus refers to an incident of that evening: "The stories told of that old 'first night' by the 'old guard' are both amusing and interesting. Mrs. J. C. Terrell in a graphic picture, relates how, among the 200 ladies and gentlemen present at this banquet, there were many speakers. How the men were regardless of any time limit. How much wit and humor were 'fired' at the 'new club-woman'! How president's evening ran into president's morning. How she, being the last speaker on the program, the hour 4 a. m., when called upon to speak, answered: 'Ladies and gentlemen, I have prepared a speech. It is a good one. You can read it in the morning paper. Good night.' The story goes that she added: '*The newsboys are calling it on the streets now!*' But Mrs. Terrell does not vouch for this last! But it is to these splendid pioneer workers, who had the open vision, that we owe a debt of gratitude. They stood on the firing line and fought for principles and ideas until the day star shone through the blue, for be it remembered at that time the club movement in Texas was looked on with fear and trepidation."

On the following morning, April 30, 1898, at 10 o'clock, the newly elected Executive Board met and disposed of these matters of business: "The salary of the editor of the official publications of Federation, Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell, was fixed at \$100.00 per

annum. Mrs. Warner continued as chairman of the lecture committee. Mrs. J. W. Hale was appointed assistant corresponding secretary."

Upon its second visit to Dallas, the Executive Board met with Mrs. George K. Meyer, Recording Secretary, at her home, on October 12, 1898, at 9:30 a. m. As an example of the talent which the lecture committee was presenting to the Texas Clubs may be mentioned Miss Abbie Hill of Houston and New York, lecturer on ethical and historical topics; Hannibal Williams, Shakespearean delineator; Dr. Mary Green, Household Economics; Mrs. Henry Exall of Dallas, on the club movement, and Mr. A. H. Merrill of Vanderbilt University. The Echo Literary Club, Galveston, and the Owl Club of Decatur, were unanimously recommended for membership.

At the meeting on October 13, Mrs. J. W. Stayton, Cuero, was elected Third Vice-president to succeed Mrs. M. (Adele B.) Looscan, Houston, whose resignation had been received with much regret. The Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws made its report, and section by section of the constitution was revised, broadening the Federation's scope and plans; already the growing Federation was feeling cramped by its former limited provisions. At this meeting of the Executive Board the admission of music and art clubs into the Federation was first mentioned, but no action could be taken, until the Federation cloak was made ample enough to shelter such clubs within its folds. A resolution was adopted allowing representation to all clubs applying for membership eight weeks before the next annual meeting.

In the early summer of 1898, the president had gone on a tour of personal observation to Denver, where the fourth biennial meeting of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs was in session. From this visit, she brought such a favorable report, that the Board decided to recommend membership in the General

Federation to the Texas Federation at its next annual meeting. "The library committee had been invited to meet in conference with the executive board. The report of library progress was most encouraging. Clubwomen had gone from the Tyler meeting laden with inspiration. Circulating libraries, traveling libraries and reading rooms had been started. Enthusiasm reached high tide when the president reported that she was having prepared at her own expense ten cases of well-selected books, which would circulate in McLennan County under the management of the Woman's Club of Waco. It was decided to begin an educative campaign looking to arousing a library sentiment, which in time would call for a state system of public libraries. Each local effort would be an active center, from which would radiate interest until the state would be permeated with a desire for public libraries. These early days are dwelt upon because the Federation was then small and unknown, and the fact that then was the seedtime, when was planted the germ of those public philanthropies, which are now the pride of Texas clubdom, is not generally recognized."

—Mrs. J. C. Terrell in Dallas News, Nov. 22, 1903.—

"The second annual convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs met in the Island City, April 25-27, 1899. As to the recognized position of the State Federation at that time, let the Galveston Daily News of April 23, 1899, speak: 'No more notable gathering of women has ever graced the annals of the state, nor indeed, of the Southwest. Gathered from the Sabine to the Rio Grande, this body represents the culture and thought force that is rapidly making for Texas an enviable reputation abroad. The Texas Federation enjoys the name among its club sisters of having accomplished as much in the two years of its organization as many older bodies, and that, too, with greater unity of purpose and harmony of action.'

"A grand advance upon the work of the first convention was everywhere evident. The delegates, from club drills, had become better parliamentarians, and from earnest interest in practical topics discussed, spoke freely and to the point. The new constitution was adopted, the principal changes being (1) striking out the limiting word 'literary' from the name, which thenceforth reads 'The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs'; (2) providing in addition to public libraries, departments of household economics and sanitary science, reciprocity, education, music, art, history, literature and lecture, village improvement, and club extension, each with a standing committee. Twelve additional libraries had been organized, and two traveling libraries.

"The Legislature, then in session at the State Capitol, was considering the Hon. W. V. Grubbs' bill to establish a State Industrial School for Girls, in which many clubs had already been actively interested; hence when a resolution was presented pledging the Federation to work for the measure, it met with unanimous approval, and a message was wired the Legislature, petitioning favorable action. A resolution was also adopted favoring the enactment of a bird-protection law, and pledging that clubwomen would discourage the dealing in bird plumage for millinery purposes by abstaining from wearing apparel so adorned. The convention by unanimous vote, decided to unite its destiny with the General Federation of Women's Clubs."

—Mrs. J. C. Terrell in Dallas News, Nov. 22, 1903.—

During an interval between sessions of the convention, the Executive Board held a meeting at 10 a. m., April 15, in Rosenberg Hall. At this meeting, Mrs. R. H. Brown of Tyler, Second Vice-president, tendered her resignation, which was received with regret, and

Mrs. Cone Johnson of Tyler was elected to fill the unexpired term. 25 clubs were recommended for membership. During this meeting the subject of having an auditor for the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was first broached. Tradition pictures the anxiety with which this matter was introduced, lest it should be thought a criticism of the treasurer was involved in this step. It was finally decided to ask the husband of the president to audit the Federation's accounts, and Mr. Edward Rotan accomplished this task to the entire satisfaction of the ladies.

At 11 a. m., April 25, the first business session was called to order and the president announced the following committees: Credentials, Mrs. H. F. Ring, Houston, Mrs. G. A. Brown, Vernon, Mrs. T. F. Mitchell, Austin; Parliamentary Law, Mrs. S. C. Cobb, Denison, Mrs. D. S. Ross, Fort Worth, Mrs. Lee Hughes, Dallas; Information, Miss Block, Galveston, Mrs. J. W. Hale, Waco.

The Tuesday afternoon session saw the admission to membership of the following clubs previously recommended by the Executive Board: Shakespeare Club, Austin; Woman's Reading Club, Beaumont; New Century Club, Belton; Current Literature Club, Bonham; Mutual Improvement Circle, Bryan; Twentieth Century Club, Cisco; Woman's Club, Colorado; The Woman's Club, Corpus Christi; The 27 Club, Corsicana; Altrurian Chautauqua, Dallas; Fortnightly Club, Dallas; Owl Club, Decatur, Woman's Club, El Paso; Ingleside Club, Farmersville; Echo Club, Galveston; Woman's Wednesday Club, Granbury; Shakespeare Club, Honey Grove; Southern Literary Club, Ladonia; Edelweiss Club, McKinney; Sesame Club, Marshall; F. U. N. Club, Navasota; Lotus Club, Paris; Woman's Club, San Antonio; The Sesame Circle, Taylor; Culture Club, Van Alstyne.

Miss Ponder of Denton offered the following resolution which was seconded by Miss Halbert of Corsicana and adopted amid great enthusiasm:

"Whereas, Statistics show that the native birds of Texas have decreased 67 per cent in the last 15 years, being more than 20 per cent greater than the average decrease in the entire United States, and, Whereas, the welfare of agriculture and the extinction of many of our most valuable birds of song and plumage are threatened, and, Whereas, this alarming decrease is traced chiefly to the destruction of birds for millinery purposes, and is accomplished by cruel methods, especially in obtaining the aigrette; therefore be it Resolved, that the clubwomen of Texas, in federated convention assembled, put themselves on record as opposed to this inhuman slaughter; that they endorse the crusade being waged against the wearing of birds and aigrettes and such other ornaments obtained by sacrifice of life; that wherever practicable, they encourage the move to get Bird Day observed in schools, by calling the attention of pastors, teachers and children to this work; and that they recommend similar action on the part of all Texas clubwomen."

At 8 p. m. Tuesday began the brilliant program for President's Evening, when Mrs. Rotan gave her second annual message, Mrs. Leigh Clark of the Woman's Club, El Paso, read a paper Have We As Clubwomen a Duty to the Public Schools? and Miss Abbie Hill of Houston, gave an address Some Ideals of Women in English Literature.

At the morning session of April 26, the subject of kindergartens was first presented to the Federation in a carefully prepared paper read by Miss Julia Runge of Galveston. One would like to record all the bright papers and addresses given on the afternoon program. The resolution regarding the Girls' Industrial School was introduced at this session, thanking Representative W. V. Grubbs for securing its passage in the house. The following was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, by the Texas Federation of Clubs, that the establishment of the Industrial School for Girls in

Texas would not only be an act of justice long denied to the future wives and mothers of the state, but be the means of elevating the homes and bettering the home life of all our people. Resolved, that our thanks are due and hereby tendered to the house of representatives collectively for its passage by that body. Resolved, that we commend to Senator J. B. Dibrell the care of the measure in the upper house of the legislature, with confidence in his skill to manage, and reliance upon the chivalric manliness of senators to pass this measure, so necessary to the future well-being of the daughters of Texas."

The morning session of Thursday, April 27, was made memorable in Federation annals, by the unanimous vote in favor of membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The official minutes record that "Mrs. Rotan then announced her appointment by Mrs. Rebecca Lowe, president of the General Federation, as chairman of the state, which she had kept in suspense till the action of the body was made known." The selection of the Blue Lupin or "Buffalo Clover" as the Federation flower, was the result of a vote upon a resolution to that effect, offered by Mrs. D. C. Bollinger of Waco.

Thursday afternoon, the invitation of San Antonio for the next annual meeting was accepted, and the election resulted in these new officers: President—Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Fort Worth; First Vice-president—Miss Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio; Second Vice-president—Mrs. Sidney Smith, Dallas; Third Vice-president, Mrs. Mary Ramsey, El Paso; Fourth Vice-president—Mrs. V. O. King, Austin; Fifth Vice-president—Mrs. H. F. Ring, Houston; Sixth Vice-president—Mrs. William D. Christian, Terrell; Corresponding Secretary—Miss Anna Shelton, Fort Worth; Recording Secretary—Miss Emma Sayles, Abilene; Treasurer—Mrs. J. W. Hale, Waco; Auditor—Mrs. G. W. Foster, Dallas.

Having successfully launched the Federation, Mrs. Rotan resisted all persuasion to occupy the chair again as president. The minutes of that day record this beautiful tribute to her loving effort for the Federation: "It seemed impossible for the body fittingly to express its regret at the positive retirement of Mrs. Rotan, and appreciation of her valuable service in organizing and establishing our State Federation. That none can ever receive more loyal affection from the women of Texas to whom she had been leader, teacher and friend, the delegates and women present expressed in feeling terms."

"Although the election was very taxing and regarded of paramount interest, nothing could be more beautiful than the manner in which these brain-cultured women proved that the fountain-springs of the Federation rose from culture of the heart. Many ladies of strong clubs waived nominations that would doubtless have given them election, in order that the offices might be scattered, geographically speaking, or given to weaker clubs that they felt needed the educative results of responsibility. All action was harmonious, and many affecting scenes were enacted in parting with old officers to greet the new. Mrs. Edward Rotan, whose love and labor have nurtured the Federation to its present strong state, was elected to life honors in the Federation by being made ex-officio delegate from the state at large to the meetings of the Federation, where she has every privilege as a delegate, also perpetual ex-officio member of the Executive Board, and when absent from the state she is authorized to represent the Texas Federation in all ways that will serve its interests and enlarge its influence. In passing this by a rising vote the new president was called to the chair, and, standing side by side, both were accorded an ovation seldom the lot of women to receive. Beautiful clusters of roses were sent to the rostrum, and between tears and smiles Mrs.

Terrell expressed the sentiment of the club guests when she said that they would never again see perfect roses without thinking of Galveston and its garden of fair women."

—Galveston News, April 28, 1899.—

Amongst other expressions of appreciation, a separate resolution was passed thanking the "Woman's Century" department of The Dallas News for its staunch support of and interest in the woman's movement of Texas and all that goes to extend woman's influence for good. Another resolution thanked the able editor of the federated club column, Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell of Dallas, for the satisfactory manner in which she had discharged her duty.

No account of a convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs should overlook the social hospitality proffered the delegates and visiting clubwomen. Not that the chronicler desires to lay undue stress upon these social affairs; but, because, upon these occasions, clubwomen met face to face, with the leisure to go deeper into their problems, receiving practical aid and counsel from each other. Thus the teas, receptions, luncheons, became both sowing-time and reaping-time to the clubwomen—this to an extent known only by those participating in them. Many of the notable achievements of the Federation had their inception in the heart-to-heart talks between the clubwomen over the "cup o' tea," when denizens of city and country hamlet communed together and exchanged ideas. So, the festivities of Galveston, as well as in the succeeding convention cities, shall have due mention in these records, as important factors in what the Texas Federation has accomplished. The Galveston News, April 28, 1899, says:

"Tuesday afternoon from 5 to 7 Mrs. Maria Cage Kimball, president of the Wednesday Club, gave a reception to the delegates and visiting ladies at her studio. *These rooms, always beautiful with the many*

works of art which cover its walls, was made especially beautiful for the occasion with roses and ferns. Mrs. Kimball was assisted in receiving by the ladies of the Wednesday Club. Music was played throughout the afternoon, frozen tea was served, a large number of delegates attended. Wednesday noon Miss Bettie Ballinger, secretary of the Wednesday Club, gave a luncheon in honor of the delegates. Wednesday night a reception was held at the Garten Verein. Thursday at 1 o'clock Mrs. L. C. Fisher, vice-president of the Wednesday Club, gave a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco. Those present were: Miss Ella Fisher, Mrs. Rotan, Mr. Rotan, Mrs. Charlton and Miss Prather of Waco, Mrs. Cone Johnson of Tyler, Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell of Dallas, Mrs. J. W. Hale of Waco, Mrs. D. A. Templeton of Corsicana and Mrs. J. A. Robertson. Thursday noon also, Mrs. H. A. Landes gave a dinner in honor of her delegate guests, Mrs. J. C. Terrell of Fort Worth and Mrs. John Church of McKinney.

"The social features closed April 27 with an evening musicale and reception, given by the Wednesday Club, at Cathedral Hall."

An Executive Board meeting on the morning of April 28th, disposed of the few remaining "odds and ends" of business and finished the labors of the retiring officers. These and the delegates and visitors left Galveston with fragrant memories of the hospitality of the Island City, and with the elusive, spicy odors of the oleander lingering like a pleasant dream.

Retiring from the president's office with the love and respect of the clubwomen, Mrs. Rotan has ever proved the friend of the woman's club movement.

She served Texas as state chairman of the General Federation of Women's Clubs by appointment of its president, Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, from April, 1899-1900, and occupied this same office with its changed title of Secretary to the General Federation during the administration of Mrs. E. P. Turner, November, 1903-1905.

CHAPTER III.

THE SECOND ADMINISTRATION.
1899-1901.

"In the economy of Nature there is no waste power; only as our organizations are factors for good to the individual, the home and the community, will they succeed or deserve success."

—Mrs. J. C. Terrell in annual address at San Antonio, April 22, 1900.—

"She has the brain and nerve to guide, the power and wisdom to control, the heart and soul to love. She believes in woman's work and has the courage of her convictions. She is thoroughly informed on the club movement and alive to its advantages. She is broad-gauged, impartial and honest."

—Nominating speech of Mrs. George K. Meyer, at Galveston, reported in Dallas News, April 28th, 1899.—

Mrs. J. C. Terrell, in her "Succinct History of the Woman's Club Movement," published in the Dallas News, April 22, 1903, says of this period of progress:

"The second administration was confronted with the serious task of organizing the new departments and planning work along the broader lines adopted by the Federation; also with the novel problem how to forward those legislative matters indorsed at the Galveston convention. It was decided that the Federation as an organization wished to eschew even the appearance of meddling in matters political, hence no legislative



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committee had been provided. Following out this policy no 'lobbying' would be permitted, but when one considered that the husbands, fathers, brothers and sweet-hearts of clubwomen, were men of influence in affairs of state, it was conclusive that the clubwomen were not without ways and means of influencing legislation. Hence the custom was adopted, that the president should issue circular letters to each club asking that in the home and social circles the influence of each member should be used with voters who could directly influence legislation. Thus was created a great, silent force for the enactment and enforcement of good laws."

Mrs. Terrell completed the Executive Board by the appointment of Mrs. Andrew B. Mills, Galveston; Mrs. Charles E. Wicker, Greenville; Mrs. A. C. Ardrey, Dallas.

The following standing committees were appointed: Libraries: Mrs. H. F. Ring, Houston; Mrs. Louis Tyler, Belton; Miss Kate Hunter, Palestine.— Household Economics: Mrs. E. W. Harris, Greenville; Mrs. A. P. Cosgrove, Pilot Point.— Reciprocity: Mrs. H. G. Damon, Corsicana; Miss Annie Halbert, Corsicana; Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell, Dallas.— Music: Miss Carrie Marshall, Denison; Mrs. Mary Herndon Gray, Tyler; Mrs. Z. F. Lillard, Houston.— Art: Mrs. Maria Cage Kimball, Galveston; Mrs. D. C. Bollinger, Waco; Mrs. W. A. Sprangler, Bonham.— History: Miss Hallie B. Bryan, Austin; Mrs. Nannie L. Carmichael, Hillsboro; Mrs. Oliver Heartsell, Marshall.— Literature and Lecture: Mrs. J. D. Osborn, Cleburne; Mrs. Cecil Smith, Sherman; Mrs. Marion Wheeler, Victoria.— Education: Mrs. John Ramsey, El Paso; Mrs. Jas. W. Swayne, Fort Worth; Mrs. Florence Long (Fall), Beaumont.— Club Extension: Mrs. William D. Christian, Terrell; Mrs. Robt. Lee Joseph, Cuero; Mrs. H. H. Kirkpatrick, Paris.— Village Improvement: Mrs. C. C. Cody, Georgetown; Mrs. D. W. Parrish, Tyler; Miss Helen Ponder, Denton.—

Program: Mrs. Launch McLaurin, Dallas; Mrs. Oscar Price, Terrell; Mrs. J. T. Woodhull, San Antonio; Mrs. P. H. Swearingen, San Antonio.— Badge: Mrs. Andrew B. Mills, Galveston; Mrs. R. C. Shindler, Nacogdoches; Mrs. Martha B. Smoot, Colorado.— Printing: Mrs. W. O. Wilkes, Waco; Mrs. Henry Miller, Waco.

"Under the impetus of the new departments, club activity began to be evinced in civic improvement, investigating conditions of schools, the buildings and grounds; numerous free kindergartens were operated, and the observance of bird days, with appropriate programs, introduced in schools. A modest little pamphlet, containing official and club roster, with constitution and by-laws, was issued."

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held in Dallas, October 18, 1899, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Keist. In the unavoidable absence of the president, Miss Eleanor Brackenridge of San Antonio, First Vice-president, presided. A motion by Mrs. Chas. E. Wicker that the delegates be requested to furnish a typewritten copy of their annual report to the Federation, of 200 to 300 words length, was carried. Seven clubs were recommended for membership, and the first transportation committee created as a special committee to look after the railroad facilities for the annual meeting. Miss Brackenridge and Mrs. H. F. Ring of Houston were named to serve on this committee with the president. At this meeting, the Federation went on record as favoring simplicity in entertainment at the annual conventions. Because there has been much misapprehension on the part of the general public in this regard, it is good to note what the clubwomen say of their position; hence, we transcribe from the minutes: "The motion unanimously carried was, that San Antonio be requested to entertain as simply as possible, showing that clubwomen are fast attaining to that good, wholesome,

common-sense, of which, heretofore, man has claimed a monopoly."

On the 19th, the Executive Board met in the Oriental Hotel, Miss Brackenridge in the chair. Upon the motion of Mrs. H. F. Ring, the blue of the Lupin (Buffalo Clover) was adopted as the Federation color, while designs for the Federation official pin were referred to Mrs. Andrew Mills of Galveston, chairman, with power to select same. Mrs. Ring announced the names of the following gentlemen as members of the Library Advisory Committee: Mr. Edward Rotan, Waco; Judge Rufus Hardy, Corsicana; Mr. L. B. Shook, Abilene; Mr. Cone Johnson, Tyler; Judge J. S. Kendall, Austin, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Terrell is authority for the statement that, to Mrs. H. F. Ring, of Houston, as chairman of the Federation Library Committee, belongs the honor of having suggested the working for a State Library Commission, and of having laid plans for the legislative campaign furthering this matter. Under Mrs. Ring, the Library Committee collected and printed the first book of library data issued in Texas. This Library Commission and the Girls' Industrial School—later to be known as the College of Industrial Arts at Denton—were the two legislative measures which featured Mrs. Terrell's administration. Miss Eeanor Brackenridge undertook the legislative work in connection with the industrial school and "did such valiant service," to quote Mrs. Terrell again, "that she has from the first been a member of the Board of Regents." Mrs. J. D. Osborn of Cleburne, chairman of Literature and Lecture Committee, gave a list of lecturers and musicians, who were available for club entertainments. The list was mainly of Texas artists, among whom, one styled modestly "Miss Mary Kidd, Houston," has since become widely known as the talented grand opera singer "Mary Carson." The first shadow cast upon the Federation sunshine was the passing

away from earth's activities of Mrs. A. C. Ardrey of Dallas, Second Vice-president, whose wise counsel and earnest enthusiasm had been so helpful in the early conferences of the Federation body. Mrs. C. C. Hemming of Gainesville was appointed to fill the vacancy, and the Board adjourned to meet in San Antonio at the state convention.

A called meeting of the Executive Board was held in Oriental Hotel, Dallas, November 14, 1899, at which the following business was transacted: (1) a consideration of the reorganization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, notice being sent out to each club belonging to the General Federation to procure a copy of its charter and by-laws, that a vote might be intelligently taken at the state convention; (2) the committee on music was requested to act in harmony and co-operation with the head of the State Musical Federation; (3) that Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe of Georgia, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, be invited to San Antonio as the guest of the Texas Federation at its annual meeting; (4) a consideration of the Federation treasury, that no deficit be created.

"The third annual convention held in the Alamo City, April 18, 19, 20, 1900, had pleasures and triumphs peculiarly its own, for is not that historic city the mecca of every patriotic daughter of Texas? There, too, the Federation received its first recognition as a moral force in civic life. The Mayor, Mr. Marshall Hicks, in his welcoming address, thus referred to the splendid work of the Woman's Club: That to the Woman's Club of San Antonio were due certain marked improvements in municipal affairs, and that he believed it to be the mission of women's clubs everywhere to demand that municipal and school matters should be properly administered. He said that it was owing to the Woman's Club that all shows of

doubtful character were excluded from the San Antonio fair grounds; that because of the Woman's Club it was safe for any lady or ladies to walk unattended at night through the street fair; that the Woman's Club had elevated the schools, maintained a free sewing school, established organized charity, improved the sanitary and asthetic conditions of the streets, sent out traveling libraries in the surrounding country, and by their indefatigable efforts secured the Carnegie appropriation for the library building. One of its members, Mrs. Kampmann, had donated a valuable downtown lot for its site. He then said that to openly honor the efforts of these women he had reserved his appointment of their candidate for Police Matron (an office they had worked for and secured) for this public occasion, and with the announcement he also pledged anew his desire to see the women actively exert their ennobling influence in municipal affairs so long as he was the official head. He advised no woman present to consent by her silence and inactivity to evils in her community, and expressed his belief that women's clubs furnished the unit of effort by which the right might prevail."

Following Mayor Hicks the beautiful souvenir programs, the gift of Mr. E. P. Turner for the Texas and Pacific Railway, were presented. A thirty-two page folder, in artistic tinted and embossed covers, contained, besides the order of exercises, full-page halftones, accompanied by descriptive text, of the historic and public buildings of the City of Missions, and romantic views along the banks of the old "Santone."

The following clubs, previously recommended by the Executive Board, were elected to membership: Ladies' Reading Club, Bastrop; Twentieth Century Club, Beaumont; Fortnightly Club, Brenham; Standard Club, Colorado; Woman's Shakespeare Club, Denton; Fleur de Lis Club, Farmersville; Shakespeare Class, Flatonia; Woman's Wednesday Club,

Forney; Kindergarten Association, Fort Worth; Frederick Froebel Circle, Galveston; Johanna Runge Free Kindergarten Association, Galveston; Review Club, Georgetown; Standard Literary Club, Glen Rose; History Club, Greenville; Saturday Culture Club, Greenville; Monday Review Club, Hillsboro; Homer Club, Laredo; Shakespeare Club, Longview; Derthick Musical Literary Club, McGregor; Woman's Literary Club, Mason; Woman's Culture Club, Memphis; '99 Club, Mount Pleasant; Self-Culture Club, Round Rock; San Antonio Public Library Association; Self-Culture Club, San Antonio; Shakespeare Club, Seguin; Shakespeare Class of Minerva Hive, Texarkana; Home Science Club, Vernon; Current Events Club, Waco; and Shakespeare Club, Waco.

Reports of officers finished the morning session. The afternoon of this first day of the convention was given over to the consideration of Household Economics, and Village Improvement, two topics most interesting to the home-making women present. The Household Economic Committee reported negotiations were in progress with Mrs. S. T. Rorer, the famous culinary expert, for a series of cooking demonstrations before the Texas clubs. This created much enthusiasm, as "Mrs. Rorer" was a household word in Texas homes through her magazine articles. The Committee on Village Improvement reported sending a circular letter to each federated club presenting the subject, pointing out its necessity and suggesting plans of work for the improvement of the beauty, comfort and health of the community. This was followed by work through the press, personal letters, emphasizing the subject in many ways. The clubs of Denton, Greenville, Georgetown, Palestine, Vernon and Victoria reported the planting of trees and shrubbery around public buildings and along the streets; the Sesame Club of Hillsboro had petitioned the local authorities for better sidewalks; the Yamarika Club

of Vernon had secured ground for a park and planted it with trees. The Review Club of Hillsboro, Tuesday Club of Alvarado, Pioneer Club of Terrell, Woman's Club of Colorado and Kindergarten Association of Galveston, also reported having secured bird day and humane instruction in the schools, while the Nineteenth Century Club of Corsicana, Ariel Club of Denton, Woman's Shakespeare Club of Denton, Woman's Club of Colorado, Nineteenth Century Club of Pilot Point and Review Club of Hillsboro reported their members as having taken a personal pledge to wear no more birds, wings and aigrettes. Reports showed active progress all along the line, and to again quote the newspaper man: "Unlike previous gatherings of ladies, the third convention was conspicuous for the absence, almost entirely, of bird decorations."

President's Evening was held in Beethoven Hall, which was filled with delegates and citizens eager to hear their president's resume of the year's work. The fact that Mrs. Terrell delivered her address without the use of notes, was deemed worthy of special comment by the newspapers. From this address we learned that Texas would make its initial bow to the General Federation of Women's Clubs as a member at Milwaukee, June 4, 1900, with eight delegates, besides its president. Individual clubs holding membership in the General Federation were each entitled to one or more representatives. Besides the president's address, the music department of the Federation, represented in an address by Mrs. Jules Roberts of Dallas on Music—Its Facts and Fancies, and an Ode to Texas by Mrs. M. L. Kauffman, together with vocal numbers by Mr. Washer, Mrs. Alonzo Millett, "The Nordica of Texas," and the Ladies' Choral Club, completed the evening's program.

The business sessions were resumed on Thursday, April 19, at 9:45 a. m. in Harmony Hall. The Good Will Club of Sutherland Springs was unanimously

elected to membership. The interesting three-minute club reports from the delegates present filled the morning hours.

At 1:30 p. m. the Reciprocity Committee that provides a medium of exchange between clubs for year-books, outlines of study, best papers, etc., gave a comprehensive resume of its work, showing a large amount of matter distributed. A feature of its report was the organization of three country clubs by the San Antonio Woman's Club, effected by personal visits and the influence of the traveling library. The report of the History Committee included the recommendation that clubs place upon their programs a Texas Day, that those clubs desiring history outlines for study apply to the committee for same, and that a traveling library on Texas history be purchased for the use of the clubs. As "chairman of correspondence for the state of Texas," Mrs. Edward Rotan gave a brilliant address on the topic Benefits of the General Federation, which she summarized thus: "(1) Its reflex influence on woman and home is salutary and uplifting. (2) It helps the adjustment of womanhood to changed industrial and social conditions. (3) It reveals the strength and beauty of co-operation. (4) It promotes improved educational and philanthropic methods, village improvements and civic reform. (5) It broadens, idealizes and fructifies womanly consciousness. (6) It suggests and promotes needed legislation for bird and forest preservation, and to better the condition of the dependent, delinquent and defective classes. (7) Last, but most important of all, it healthfully educates public opinion." Measures of importance passed in this session were: Decision as to attitude of Texas Federation towards General Federation plan of reorganization; that dues of individual clubs should include the 25c fee the Texas Federation paid to the General Federation for each federated club in the state;

that the Executive Board should be empowered to appoint the state's delegates to the Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Of the evening program on April 19, presented before a large audience, "Pauline Periwinkle" (Mrs. W. A. Calloway) of Dallas, has this report in the Dallas News of April 30, 1900: "The Art department was represented in an interesting address by Mrs. Maria Cage Kimball of the Wednesday Club, Galveston, in which she sought to impress the proper relation of the artistic and the material, and deplored the ignorance and apathy concerning art that prevailed in Texas cities where opportunities might be provided, at comparatively small outlay, for the enjoyment of culture in this direction. The barren wall spaces in school-rooms—worst of all the so-called decorated walls of the home—she advocated being hung with prints of the masterpieces, until the eye became trained to the really true and beautiful in art. The proposed library buildings and assembly halls could be made a repository for the nucleus of an art gallery, that would come in time when the love of beautiful pictures and marbles had developed. She reported for her club a fund appropriated to start a traveling picture gallery, after the manner of the traveling library, and said the Wednesday Club stood ready to join hands with any club or clubs in the state to start the collection on its rounds.

"The address by Miss Minnie Marsh, president of the Denison XXI Club, created a most favorable impression of the dignity and character of woman's work from the platform. Miss Marsh's subject, "Song Writers of the South," was a happy selection, and awakened so much interest among the patriotic students of Southern literature, that the seating capacity of the Harmony Club could not accommodate the audience that came to hear her."

Friday morning, April 20, was devoted principally to educational and library matters, the reports of

those committees being under consideration. To quote from the report of Mrs. Mary Burrows Ramsey for the Educational Committee: "More and more our clubs are becoming organizations for practical work, having learned that culture is only found by so filling our lives with unselfish effort, that unculture is crowded out. Those whose interests have been purely literary, or artistic, or musical, find that their studies do not suffer by being brought closer to life. We carry our efforts into the school-rooms, and the homes of those who might otherwise be blind to the beautiful side of life, not alone that the few who are to be our great ones may have the opportunity to develop the power that is in them, but that the great mass of home-makers may be prepared to live true and seeing lives. By the united efforts of the clubwomen and the other workers, we have more kindergartens than ever before—schools for the little children, where the truth is taught that each child is part of a wonderful whole, that one selfish action, one deviation from truth, creates a discord, and that a life out of harmony is a joyless life. We have training classes for kindergartners, where our young women learn to see with the wide open eyes of children, that they may know to lead the little ones. If only the fathers and mothers might go and learn the same lesson, there would be a wonderful smoothing out of the rough places in the home life. There are mothers' clubs, where the home teachers meet with the school teachers, and study with them to discover how and what to do and what to leave undone. Industrial classes are increasing in number, so that hands are being trained as well as minds, that healthy, joyous doing and thinking may produce healthy, joyous living. The little mothers are being taught to sew, and the little fathers to drive nails—some are also teaching the little fathers to sew, and the little mothers to drive nails. At least one sewing class conducted by a woman's club so successfully

proved its usefulness, that the public schools of the city have taken up the good work, and one thousand little ones are reaping the benefits. Our legislators have studied and discussed the problems of education, and have decided that our girls should have an industrial school, and our young folks who wish to become teachers, more normal schools."

Again quoting "Pauline Periwinkle": "The library department report was especially enthusiastic, as Mr. Carnegie's magnificent bequests to Texas have all been made since the previous Federation meeting, and all been secured by clubwomen." Five Texas cities have received \$225,000 for their library buildings. "Fully two-thirds of the individual reports made mention of the establishment of or work for free public libraries in the towns represented. Waco reported good results from the traveling libraries for McLennan County, the gift of Mrs. Rotan. Marshall reported the gift of a traveling library from a 'club husband,' Mr. Edmund Key. San Antonio has provided a flourishing traveling library of several cases, which it sends to any interested neighborhood in that region, not confining its efforts to the county. The Pierian Club of Dallas reported much good done in Dallas County by the traveling libraries, aggregating several hundred volumes, it had been sending out the past year."

Among the important resolutions passed during the convention was one, that the Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs should ask the repeal of the state annual tax on Library Associations. It is well to state here that this was accomplished through the efforts of the Federation shortly afterward. Mrs. Presley K. Ewing of Houston, introduced a resolution asking for endorsement of the early closing movement in stores where girls were employed. This was adopted by the Federation, and the delegates pledged themselves as individuals not to shop after 6 p. m. "A resolution

thanking Mr. Andrew Carnegie for his donations to the public libraries of Texas passed unanimously. Also one of appreciation to the Daughters of the Republic, and Texas veterans whose work had been an inspiration among the clubs for the diligent study of Texas history. Among other specially important measures, a motion that the expenses of delegates be hereafter borne by their clubs, thus doing away with the home entertainment feature, was, after spirited discussion, voted down. Its defeat was principally due to the Dallas delegates, who had gone instructed to bring the Federation to Dallas next year, and with the promise of abundant hospitality. There was a general consent, however, that it was a question which time would settle—when the few remaining cities large enough to provide gratuitous entertainment for such a body had borne their part. A resolution supporting the election of Mrs. Lowe for a second term as president of the General Federation, obtained unanimously." A resolution placing the Federation on a high plane of purity in politics was the following, which may be said to have been "nailed to the mast head" ever since: "Whereas, This organization should be non-political in its methods, inasmuch as it is non-partisan and altruistic in its aims; therefore, "Resolved, That it shall be considered a breach of ethics and prejudicial to the best interests of the Federation to ask or give or trade a pledge of vote or to endeavor to influence the action of delegates in advance of open discussion and decision of questions on their merits, or in selecting officers of the Federation."

The election of officers took place on Friday afternoon, April 20, during the closing session of the convention, and resulted in re-electing all those officers who would consent to serve another year. Mrs. Cecil Smith, Sherman, was elected Third Vice-president; Mrs. J. D. Osborn, Cleburne, Fourth Vice-president; Mrs. W. F. Beers, Galveston, Fifth Vice-president;

Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall, Sixth Vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Brown, Vernon, Treasurer; Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner, Tyler, Auditor. The invitation of Dallas for the next annual meeting was accepted enthusiastically, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

Delegates and club visitors to the convention were given the benefit of a free parliamentary drill each morning prior to the session by Mrs. Kehr, parliamentarian of the Denver (Colorado) Woman's Club, and assistance in organizing sections of household economics by the recently appointed vice-president of the National Society, Mrs. L. B. Alford, of San Antonio. Mrs. Terrell congratulates the clubwomen thus: "The absence of manuscripts, prevalence of oral addresses and excellency of extemporaneous discussion marked advance upon the past."

San Antonio, no less hospitable than her sister cities, who had been hostesses to the Federation, in compliance with the request of the Executive Board, refrained from elaborate social functions. Instead, she struck a unique and satisfying note, as given in our newspaper account: "Harmony Club, with its decorations of lupin-tinted bunting and freshly massed roses, was literally the convention home. On the floor below was a spacious dining-hall, with kitchen attached, and here each day an appetizing lunch was served. Hence it was not necessary for hostesses or guests to absent themselves from the convention during the day. The luncheon decorations were done in the colors of the Woman's Club and the History Club that provided the entertainment, and nothing was spared that would contribute to the comfort or delight the eye of the visitor. The convention came to a fitting close with a most enjoyable reception and garden fete at the handsome home of Mrs. H. D. Kampmann. Music and flowers and refreshments, as a matter of course, but it was the genuine hospitality and warmth

of welcome that contributed most to the occasion's success."

A called meeting of the new Executive Board was held in Miss Brackenridge's home at 10 a. m., April 21. Mrs. Terrell expressed the desire that all members of committees would continue to serve during the next year. The following delegates to the Biennial at Milwaukee were appointed: Mrs. J. D. Osborn, Cleburne; Miss Ella Cockrell, Abilene; Mrs. T. M. Kell, Vernon; Mrs. J. E. Leith, Terrell; Mrs. Cone Johnson, Mrs. Le Grand, Tyler; Miss Marin Fenwick, San Antonio; Mrs. Presley K. Ewing, Houston. Mrs. Terrell as president and Mrs. Rotan as state chairman of correspondence were also representatives from Texas.

At the beginning of the fourth year of the Federation, Mrs. Terrell and her Board issued the first Federation year-book, described as "a modest pamphlet," but full of valuable information for the clubwoman. This ancestor of Federation year-books was 5½x7 inches in size, cover of dark-gray paper, tied with gray silk cord, containing 40 pages. In these pages were the correct names and addresses of the officers of the Federation, the honorary members, then composed of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco, and Mr. E. P. Turner of Dallas, the personnel of standing committees (eleven), the constitution and by-laws and a club directory with list of presidents and corresponding secretaries, and number of members. This year-book marked a distinct advance in Federation progress. As it contained, besides the statistical data, messages from each standing committee, giving outlines of their proposed work, the individual club was in a position to know just where and how it could "help things along."

Although Mrs. Terrell had asked the women to retain their places on the standing committees, some unavoidable changes were made, and we find these ladies taking care of the several departments of Federation

work, during the second year of Mrs. Terrell's incumbency: Secretary to the General Federation of Women's Clubs—Mrs. Annie McLean Moores, Fort Worth; Standing Committees: Art—Mrs. Maria Cage Kimball, Chairman, Galveston; Miss Annie Clare Walden, Denton; Mrs. H. C. Carter, San Antonio. Badge—Mrs. W. F. Beers, Chairman, Galveston; Miss Jennie Northcraft, San Marcos; Mrs. H. L. McNew, Honey Grove. Club Extension—Mrs. Wm. D. Christian, chairman, Terrell; Mrs. Robert Lee Joseph, Cuero; Mrs. H. H. Kirkpatrick, Paris. Education—Mrs. John P. Ramsey, chairman, El Paso; Mrs. Joseph Dibrell, Seguin; Mrs. O. C. Carlton, Waco. Free Public Libraries—Mrs. Henry F. Ring, chairman, Houston; Mrs. Louis Tyler, Belton; Miss Kate Hunter, Palestine. Household Economics—Mrs. L. B. Alford, chairman, San Antonio; Mrs. E. W. Harris, Greenville; Mrs. A. P. Cosgrove, Pilot Point. History—Mrs. Andrew Mills, Chairman, Galveston; Mrs. Oliver Heartsell, Marshall; Miss Nola Ellen Dilworth, Austin, Literature and Lectures—Mrs. J. D. Osborn, Chairman, Cleburne; Miss Minnie Marsh, Denison; Mrs. Marion Wheeler, Victoria. Music—Mrs. Z. F. Lillard, Chairman, Houston; Mrs. Frank L. Wisdom, Texarkana; Miss Preble Drake, McGregor. Program—Mrs. Cecil Smith, Chairman, Sherman; Mrs. Kate Cabell, Currie (Muse), Dallas; Miss Miriam Morgan, Dallas. Printing—Mrs. H. L. Lathrop, Chairman, Fort Worth; Mrs. Wallace Hendricks, Fort Worth; Miss Lena Evans, Fort Worth. Reciprocity—Mrs. H. G. Damon, Chairman, Corsicana; Miss Annie Halbert, Corsicana; Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell, Dallas. Village Improvement—Mrs. C. C. Cody, Chairman, Georgetown; Mrs. Mary Herndon Gray, Tyler; Mrs. A. H. Belo, Dallas.

During the ensuing summer Texas was first represented in the General Federation at the biennial convention held in Milwaukee, with eleven delegates from

the Federation and those from several clubs holding individual membership. A strong delegation went from different sections of the state, and returned from this great gathering of representative American women laden with suggestions and inspirations to greater achievement. At normal institutes held over the state this summer closer relations were established between teachers and clubwomen, by the attendance of the latter upon the institutes and courtesies extended to teachers.

The Executive Board of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs met in the Lyceum Hall, Houston, December 12 and 13, 1900, the president, Mrs. Terrell, occupying the chair. In the absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker was appointed to serve in that capacity. Minutes of the last meeting, held in San Antonio April 21, were read and approved. Nine clubs were unanimously recommended for membership.

September 8, 1900, occurred that disastrous storm which had all but wiped the fair city of Galveston out of existence. The ready response made by clubs all over the state to calls of distress, testified to the strength and value of this organization as nought else could do. As this was the first official meeting since the great disaster in which Galveston had been overwhelmed with wind and wave, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the Executive Board of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, on behalf of the clubwomen of Texas, extends to Galveston the deepest sympathy in the great calamity that has befallen that beautiful city."

On recommendation of the president, the Board decided to submit to the Federation, the following amendments: Making elections biennial, and no officer eligible to succeed herself; appointment of a committee on Nominations, having charge of a locked receptacle wherein nominating ballots should be placed by

delegates; changing time of annual meeting to the fall; dividing the state into districts, with election of one vice-president from each district.

"It was resolved that the president, in connection with the library committee, be authorized to purchase two traveling club libraries, one relating to Texas history and literature, and one to United States history and literature, for the benefit of clubs in remote places where there is difficulty in procuring books of reference. By request of the clubwomen of Dallas, whose guests the Federation will be on that occasion, the date of the fourth convention was fixed for May 1, 2, 3, 1901. It was resolved that the clubs of Dallas be requested to give only one social function in honor of the State Federation at this meeting. Believing that the formation of reciprocity relations between clubs of adjoining states would result in mutual benefit and pleasure, the president was instructed to invite the presidents of Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma to attend the annual convention and participate in the exercises.

"The second day the Board invited chairmen of standing committees to meet and discuss departmental work. Mrs. W. F. Beers of the Badge committee submitted designs, from among which one was selected for a Texas Federation pin. Mrs. Ring, chairman of the Library Committee, Mrs. Lillard of the Music Committee, and Mrs. Andrew Mills of the History Committee were present to discuss their departments. Fraternal courtesies were exchanged with executive boards of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Women's Press Association of Texas, both being then in session in Houston. By invitation the Executive Board on Friday morning, the 14th, participated in the ceremonies of unveiling the monument erected by the Women's Press Association to the memory of Aurelia Hadley Mohl, founder of the association. As

the State Federation may be the fruitage of the aspiration of which Mrs. Mohl was the inspiration to Texas women, it was fitting that in the name of the clubwomen of Texas their president should lay a tribute at the base of the first monument erected by Texas women to a Texas woman.' A luxuriant growing fern was then placed in the name of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

"The social courtesies extended to the Board by Houston clubwomen and their friends were graceful, elegant and cordial. With a grateful vote of thanks the Board adjourned to meet in Dallas at the time of the state convention."

—Dallas News, December 13, 1900.—

The fourth convention was promptly called to order at 9:30 a. m., May 1, 1901, in Turner Hall, Dallas. After the invocation, addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Ben B. Cabell, a representative from the Commercial Club, Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie (Muse), president of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, and a witty response was given by Mrs. John B. Goodhue of Beaumont. 29 new clubs were unanimously elected to membership as follows: Shakespeare Club, Beaumont; Algerita Club, Benjamin; Shakespeare Club, Bryan; Young Ladies' Departmental Club, Cisco; New Century Club, Clarksville; Woman's Club, Cleburne; Magazine Club, Clifton; Woman's Monday Club, Corpus Christi; Aonian Club, Dallas; Magazine Club, Dallas; Schubert Choral Club, Dallas; Twelfth Night Club, Dallas; Sesame Club, Ennis; Symposium Club, Fort Worth; St. Cecelia Club, Gainesville; Shakespeare Club, Giddings; 'Four o'Clocks,' Goliad; Woman's Ruskin Club, Itasca; Woman's Progress Club, Itasca; Monday Afternoon Book Club, Itasca; Woman's Club, Kerrville; Woman's University Club, McKinney; Woman's Progress Club, Memphis; Culture Club, Mineral Wells; Altotha Club,

Pilot Point; Thursday Book Club, Quanah; St. Cecelia Club, Terrell; Bachelor Maids Club, Tyler; Twentieth Century Club, Weatherford.

"Amendments to the Constitution as recommended by the Executive Board, were adopted, to-wit: Amendment to Article IV: The officers to this association shall be a president, six vice-presidents, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer and an auditor, to be elected biennially and to hold their respective offices for a full term of two years, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Amendment to Article V: The officers of the Federation shall be elected at each alternate annual meeting, beginning with that of 1901. No officer shall be eligible to succeed herself. "Amendment to Article VI of the By-Laws: Sec. 1: All officers shall be elected at the time provided by the constitution, except in case of vacancy caused by death or resignation, when said vacancy may be filled by an election at any annual meeting. Vacancies in office must be filled for the unexpired term by the president of the Federation. Section 2: The president shall, on the first morning of the convention, appoint a committee of three on nomination who shall have charge of a locked receptacle, in which shall be deposited by each delegate and officer a list of her choice for the several offices, said list to be written upon blanks furnished by the Federation and duly signed by the voter, who shall also sign the name of the club she represents. From the majority of votes thus deposited the committee will form a ticket. When this ticket is announced, opportunity will be given for other nominations from the floor. Elections shall be conducted by ballot, the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected, which result shall be declared by the presiding officer before proceeding to the election of the next officer.

"The time of holding the annual convention of the Federation was changed to the fall of the year. A

motion to divide the state into five districts, with a state vice-president presiding over each district, was carried." —Official Minutes.—

It is gratifying to record that Texas has made a great success of this plan of districting the state. Because of its size, requiring the covering of long distances to attend the state conventions, the majority of clubwomen would be deprived of the privilege of going to the annual conventions, had not this plan been adopted of bringing smaller conventions nearer home, by grouping the clubs into five districts, each holding its annual convention in the spring, with, usually, the larger number of the state officers in attendance, and a personal address from the state president.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Miss Anna Shelton, read at this session, elicited much interest. She mentioned the first year-book of the Federation, that two copies had been sent to each club, also a copy to each member of the Executive Board and standing committees. To quote: "It is pleasing to record the recognition given our organization in the establishment by our State University of a school for instruction in Library Science; by the passage of the Girls' Industrial School bill by our state legislators, and the ringing tribute paid to our interest in public schools by State Superintendent Kendall in his last report. Eight clubs having disbanded the past year, the number must be subtracted from the 140 clubs received into membership, leaving a total of 132 clubs at this report, with an aggregate membership of 3000 women. 387 circular letters and 275 individual letters, 82 postals and 127 membership cards, and 40 application blanks have been mailed out during the year, and 487 letters and 21 postals have been received. This report would not be complete without reference to the 86 year-books of individual clubs received. In beauty of design they are as pleasing as the thoroughness of the work they record, is satisfying."

"The convention was called to order for the afternoon session a little late with a scattering attendance, and Mrs. Terrell called the members' attention to the fact that their reputation for punctuality was in danger. She added that reports from clubs in the towns whose names began with the letters from A to D would be heard. Mrs. Wilkins called the names of the clubs, and the delegate representing the club responded with a two-minute account of the work of the club.

"A large number of clubs responded and told in what direction their efforts had been directed during the past year. Nearly all of them reported progress in the direction of education and the general diffusion of knowledge either by the institution of reading rooms, public libraries or kindergartens. The studies enumerated took in nearly every branch of ancient and modern history and literature, household economy, child study and training and public school art and decoration of the public school rooms with reproductions of the pictures of the great masters. From the remarks of the ladies reporting for the clubs it would seem that the ladies of Texas were directing their efforts toward the educational, social and moral advancement of the people of the state. After hearing a number of reports, the musical feature of the program was introduced. Mrs. Tillar of the Fort Worth Euterpean Club rendered Liszt's 'Rigoletto Paraphrase' on the pianoforte and was rewarded with long-continued applause.

"Mrs. L. B. Alford of San Antonio, chairman of the committee on Household Economics, made her annual report, in which she outlined the work accomplished in that field by the clubs, in the study of home sanitation, lectures by physicians, domestic problems and public work, such as clean streets and the erection of public fountains. She said that Texas was second only to Massachusetts in the number of clubs interested in the subject of household economics and the

effort of the Texas clubwomen was to help the moral, mental and physical condition of the people.

"Mrs. J. D. Osborn of Cleburne reported on the work of the Lecture and Literature Committee and said that the committee had endeavored to secure a lecturer for every subject the clubwomen of Texas were studying. Many lecturers could not make dates enough to justify a tour of the state and so they did not come, while on the other hand the state had been visited by a number of very prominent lecturers on other topics and the women of the state had profited greatly by these lectures. She also gave a few practical hints on the matter of securing lecturers which she had learned in the school of experience and urged that lecturers should be engaged for the reason that the information that could be secured from a person that had made a certain thing a life study was very valuable and could not be obtained as effectively any other way.

"For the Committee on Art, Mrs. Maria Cage Kimball of Galveston related the trials and tribulations incident to getting the traveling collection of pictures on the road in Texas and the final triumph of the committee when they were ultimately started in circulation. The exhibit consists of a small but very choice collection of water colors, carbon, photographic and other reproductions of noted works of art. Necessary descriptive matter accompanies the exhibit. Each club pays express charges from the last exhibit town. An assessment of ten cents per capita, with a maximum of \$2.50, secures the exhibit to the subscribing club for one week. Her report showed that the enterprise had been self-supporting and she recited the advantages that had accrued to the clubwomen of Texas and their friends by the tour of the pictures, and said that they had been all over the state from El Paso to Nacogdoches and from Denison to Victoria." At 4 o'clock the meeting adjourned, having accepted the invitation

of the Dallas Shakespeare Club to attend a reception in honor of Mrs. Terrell, from 5 to 7 p. m.

"At the night session, designated as President's Evening, the ladies were slow in getting down to work. The ratio of gentlemen to ladies was very much larger than during the day and the temptation to indulge in chat was strong and was not resisted. The president was lenient and did not interfere until about 9 o'clock, when she called the convention to order. The invocation was delivered by Rt. Rev. Alexander C. Garrett, bishop of Dallas. The Schmitz String Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Fritz Schmitz, W. G. Russell, Harold Abrams and W. L. Peacock, rendered a selection from Mozart. Mrs. Henry Exall introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Mrs. Terrell, who gave her annual address to the Federation. Mrs. Dietz of Dallas sang a scene and aria from Oberon (Weber), accompanied by Miss I. H. Miller."

Mrs. Terrell read a cordial invitation from A. H. Belo & Co., publishers of the Dallas News, to the clubwomen to visit their newspaper plant, and study a newspaper in the making, through all its processes. "This," said Mrs. Terrell, "is an invitation from the great paper that we all know and are so proud of, and which is the organ of the Federation. What shall we do with it?" In the light of latter-day familiarity with such things, it is interesting to note how eagerly the clubwomen accepted this invitation for Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

"Miss Alzire A. Chevaillier of California then gave an address on the 'Evolution of Women Through Women's Clubs.' The program was completed by a piano duo by Misses Crosby and Wheeler, which was warmly received, and a violin solo by Mr. Schmitz, accompanied by Mrs. Estelle Roy-Schmitz. Mrs. Terrell announced that Thursday night there would be an educational rally,—to which all the people of the city who

are interested in the cause of education are cordially invited."

Thursday's session was called to order at 9:30 a. m. A resolution by Mrs. W. O. Wilkes, delegate from the Woman's Club, Waco, was introduced and adopted, pledging the members to use their influence individually to secure the erection of a woman's building on the State University grounds at Austin. "The resolution was seconded by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, who said that on the campus of the University the boys had a dormitory called Brackenridge Hall, and they could get through with expenses as low as \$12 to \$14 per month, while for a girl to go it would cost her as much as \$20 to \$30 per month. She said that what was wanted was a place where the young ladies attending the University could have protection, learn the college spirit and acquire social ideals. She said that there were now young ladies going to school at Austin who were living in one room for the sake of economy. Keeping house, cooking, eating, sleeping and receiving their friends all in one room, because they did not have the same advantages in the way of accommodation that the boys had.

"The president suggested that every clubwoman should interest her husband, brother or gentleman friend who had a vote in this matter, so as to bring it prominently before the members of the Legislature. She said that she did not know whether it would be parliamentary or not to put the question on the resolution, but, however, she would put it to a vote and asked every woman who favored the resolution to stand. Every woman in the house stood up at once and the resolution was declared as carried unanimously."—Dallas News, May 3, 1901.—

This simple motion, starting like a snowball, gathered momentum and energy through all the days which followed, until today, the handsome Woman's building

in the Universtiy grounds, stands a lasting monument to the women of the Federation.

"It was announced that all the ladies interested in the formation of a state musical organization should meet in the ladies' ordinary at the Oriental during the noon hour."

"Mrs. W. D. Christian of Terrell reported for the committee on Club Extension, and stated that the rapid growth of the number of women's clubs showed that there was a desire and necessity for women's clubs. These clubs, she said, were a sisterhood of all women. Many new clubs were reported as having been formed during the year, and an account was given of the literature which had been sent out in organizing clubs. She suggested that the state was too large to be covered effectively by one committee, and suggested the appointment of district committees and county conventions as means to get the wives of farmers imbued with the club spirit. Mrs. Wilkes said that the traveling libraries assisted greatly in the work of getting women interested in club work, and discussed club work in the country. Mrs. Wilkins said that the best way to reach the women of the country was through the school teachers and suggested that the Women's Club send delegates to the county institutes when they met, to interest the teachers, and they would interest the wives and daughters of the farmers.

"Mrs. Fannie Hamilton of Shreveport, representing the Federated Women's Clubs of Louisiana as a messenger to the Texas Federation, was introduced by the president. Mrs. Hamilton was greeted with applause and said in part: 'It was with the utmost astonishment that I heard on Monday last from your esteemed correspondent, Mrs. Sydney Smith, that I would be expected to address your honorable body on this occasion. When I accepted the appointment by our state president, Mrs. James M. Foster, to represent the clubs of Louisiana at this meeting of noble women, I

did so gladly, feeling as I did that I was coming not to tell but to hear! not to relate but to listen! So I come empty that I may go away full, bearing only greetings from Louisiana to Texas, greetings from every club in our Federation, from the Red to the Ouichita Rivers, from the lakes of Caddo to the blue waters of the Gulf, to every club in the great Federation of the great State of Texas. I have come to sit at your feet and learn of you and go back by and by telling the women of our clubs in Louisiana what you of Texas have done. For much as we have heard of the noble work of your noble women, we know that as yet the half has not been told. I am glad to be your guest on this notable occasion, glad to have the honor of a voice in your assembly, and in behalf of the Federation of Women's Clubs of the State of Louisiana. I bid you hail and Godspeed! We now come with greetings to your clubwomen, holding out to you the hand of good fellowship, ready to obliterate the state line dividing Louisiana from Texas and to strike a league of friendship with the Texas clubwomen, that we may learn of your better methods, be taught of your wider charities and catch the spirit of enthusiasm that finds expression in this organized effort of cultivated and representative women. For we know that Texas is not only big in its domain, but big in results and achievement; that its possibilities are unlimited, that amid all the forces working for the general good, there is not a more potential factor working out the glorious destiny of this wonderful state than the influence of the Texas clubwomen.' The president returned greeting to the State of Louisiana on behalf of Texas, and promised that when the State Federation of Louisiana met, there would be representatives from Texas there."

At the afternoon session, the Daughters of the Confederacy Literary Society of Dallas was admitted to

membership, having been recommended by the Executive Board. The president announced that the locked box for holding ballots, the subject of a recent constitutional amendment, was sitting on a table in front of the rostrum. She pointed to a big, black box with a slot in the top, and added that blank ballots would be ready for distribution during the afternoon, then named the following nominating committee: Mrs. T. J. Wiley, Tyler; Miss Emily M. Brewster, Laredo; Mrs. Sarah Rawlings, El Paso. The president stated that this committee was chosen from cities which had no active candidates for president, and that the committee were to consider themselves in honor bound not to express a preference for any candidate, nor indicate how their own votes would be cast.

Miss Marin Fenwick of San Antonio, gave a talk on the department club, a comparatively new idea, opening to women larger possibilities in their club life. Mrs. Annie McLean Moores, of Fort Worth, Secretary to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, made a few remarks touching on the relationship between the Texas Federation and the General Federation.

"Mrs. J. E. Leith of Terrell reported on the action that had been taken by the Texas clubs in answer to an appeal from the women's clubs of New York and New Jersey to assist in the preservation of the Palisades of the Hudson. She said that after the Galveston disaster the clubwomen of these states were the first to help and she was glad to report that Texas had done something to help save the Palisades. Mrs. Terrell read a letter which she had received from the president of the National Association for the preservation of the Palisades, appointing her vice-president for Texas. She said that she had declined to serve and suggested the convention elect a vice-president. Mrs. Leith was elected unanimously.

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"The night session of May 2nd, took the form of an educational rally. Mrs. John Ramsey of El Paso, chairman, read the annual report of the Educational Committee. She said that many far-reaching movements had been set on foot by the women's clubs and sometimes she was surprised to find how far they had traveled and how in going they had been improved upon. By the united efforts of the clubwomen there are more kindergartens being supported now than ever before and also training classes for kindergartners. She also spoke of the success of the Federation in securing the industrial school for girls, and said it was very encouraging to see the work that had been done. The Schubert Choral Club, composed of twenty-five young ladies, directed by Mrs. Edwin Jackson, rendered several musical numbers. Prof. J. S. Kendall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke on What Can and What Should the Clubwomen of Texas do for the Schools of the State? In reference to the work of the clubwomen he said that it was a great field for them. They could go into the schools and see that they were properly heated and ventilated and that the walls were hung with pictures of the best for youth. He also dwelt on the library system of the clubs and said that their influence was felt in the last Legislature as was shown by the passage of the bill for the Girls' Industrial School. He concluded by declaring that better conditions will come from the women who look to the future."

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Austin then spoke on The Social Relation of Teacher and Parent, followed by Miss Martha Combie Wood, who spoke for the Kindergarten idea in general and the Kindergarten Association of Fort Worth in particular. "She mentioned the effort of the Chicago city government to get rid of the kindergartens on account of their cost, and the overwhelming defeat of the project at the polls, showing that it was deeply rooted in the favor

of parents and they were willing to pay for it. Kindergartens, she said, were costly and new, but they are popular with the thinking people of the country. Therefore the kindergartners look to the clubwomen to place the kindergarten in the place of dignity it should have."

—Dallas News, May 3rd, 1901.—

An open discussion regarding various methods of study and recitation, in which the audience participated, evinced the interest taken by the citizens in matters of educational advancement.

The last day of the convention included in its program for the morning session, the reports of the Village Improvement, History, Badge and Library Committees. The Library Committee issued its report in the form of a neat pamphlet, containing a short history of the establishment of each public library in Texas, with a leaflet enclosed entitled Suggestions in Regard to the Organization of Public Libraries in Texas. Appendix A of the report was named Traveling Libraries, Appendix B gave a list of reference books for the study of American and Texas history, including the books available in the two Federation traveling libraries. From this report, the following summary is taken:

"Library organizations reported April 1, 1899, Abilene, Belton, Corsicana, Dallas, Denison, Decatur, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Longview, Marshall, Palestine, San Antonio, Sherman, Taylor, Temple, Terrell, Tyler, Vernon, Victoria, Waco. Circulating libraries since organized and now in active operation: Bastrop, Bonham, Colorado, Cuero, Forney, Granbury, Memphis, Mt. Pleasant, Nacogdoches, Navasota, Paris, Pilot Point. Club libraries: Austin, Denton, Honey Grove, Round Rock, San Marcos. Free public libraries not previously reported: Cisco, Cleburne, Farmersville, Lockhart, Galveston. New library associations: Beaumont, Brenham, Bryan, Greenville, Van Alstyne, McKinney. The only library in the state which does

not largely, if not wholly, owe its success to the efforts of clubwomen, is located at Galveston. When our State Federation was organized in 1897 only six library associations were in existence in Texas. These were located at Houston, San Antonio, Galveston, El Paso, Denison and Navasota. Today, from the sixty-four club towns of the state we have news of forty-nine library organizations. Of these ten are free public libraries, twenty-six are subscription circulating libraries, five are club libraries. Traveling libraries have been established and put into operation by the following organizations: Woman's Club, Waco; Pierian Club, Dallas; The Woman's Club, San Antonio; Library Association, Marshall; Library Association, Abilene; Standard Club, Greenville; Ladies' Reading Club, Houston." Successful legislation was also reported in having the franchise tax removed from library organizations, and at the request of the library committee, library science was placed in the curriculum of the State University.

An address on Benefits Resulting from Co-Operation of Musical Societies by Miss Carlton of Bonham, widened the field of Federation activities.

On motion of Mrs. Henry F. Ring, Mr. J. C. Terrell of Fort Worth was elected an honorary member of the Texas Federation.

At the afternoon session, upon motion of Mrs. Chas. Bonner of Tyler, a rising vote of thanks to Honorable W. V. Grubbs, "the father of the State Industrial School for Girls," attested the rejoicing of the convention for the success of that enterprise. Upon motion of Mrs. J. D. Osborn of Cleburne, \$100.00 was annually appropriated for the president's traveling expenses, in visiting the various clubs. Miss Kate Friend of Waco, Mrs. C. C. Cody of Georgetown and Miss Marin B. Fenwick of San Antonio, committee on resolutions, reported, expressing the appreciation of the Federation for the many courtesies received. As a comparison with the large sums of money handled by

the clubwomen today, it is interesting to note that the treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Brown of Victoria, reported \$362.25 had been received and paid out in 1900, and \$432.25 had been received in 1901, and that amount was on hand.

In the ensuing election, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker; First Vice-president, Mrs. Cornelia B. Stone; Second Vice-president, Mrs. J. D. Osborn of Cleburne; Third Vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Goodhue of Beaumont; Fourth Vice-president, Mrs. Edmund Key of Marshall; Fifth Vice-president, Miss Ella Cockrell of Abilene; Sixth Vice-president, Mrs. M. W. Sims of Bryan; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Nola Dilworth of Austin; Treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Brown of Vernon; Auditor, Mrs. F. B. Boydstun of McKinney.

The social side of this fourth convention proved most enjoyable. Luncheon was served to the delegates at the beautiful Oriental Hotel each of the three days. Of the festivities tendered the clubwomen, "Beau Monde," the weekly society journal of Dallas, of that day, thus comments: "The strictly social affairs given in honor of the visiting clubwomen, outside of the throwing open of our best homes, was the Shakespeare Club reception, in honor of Mrs. J. C. Terrell, the retiring president, on Wednesday, from 5 to 7 p. m.; a delightful drive around the city arranged by Mr. E. P. Turner on Thursday afternoon; a charming reception and musicale at St. Mary's College; and the big and brilliant reception at the Dallas Club on Friday night, when social Dallas and its visitors paid their respects to the City Federation and its guests of honor, the newly elected officers. Among hanging roses and grouping palms, the officers of the City Federation and members of the Executive Board, together with the presidents of the different federated clubs in the city, formed the reception committee. Many prominent men from over the state as well as Dallas, were out in full dress and throwing their bon mots to the hundreds of stunningly

frocked women present. It was a fitting finale to so important and interesting a convention."

The souvenir programs furnished with the compliments of Mr. E. P. Turner, contained interesting views of Dallas, with a write-up of its early days, and a history by Mary Guillot Potter of the old French Colony of "Reunion," situated just beyond where Oak Cliff now stands. This program also contained the following clever Federation song, which surrounded a most lovable portrait of Mrs. J. C. Terrell, in the center of the page.

It was scheduled to be sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, and, though the author's name was not given, it has been ascertained to be C. H. Cox of Waco.

A FEDERATION SONG.

Should Federation be forgot
And never brought to mind,
When Texas clubs are on the spot
For the good of womankind?
For womankind, my dears, my dears,
For good of womankind—
We'll lead the world in Woman's Clubs
For the good of womankind.

Warm welcome and the best of cheer,
In Dallas ye shall find,
And long ye all shall dwell with us
In memories left behind
Of this great meeting here, my dears,
Of Texas womankind,
Who lead the world in Woman's Clubs
For the good of womankind.

We've had rare intellectual food
To satisfy the mind,
And every pure, sweet social joy
So dear to womankind.

So dear to womankind, my dears,
So dear to womankind,
For Texas still shall lead the way
So dear to womankind.

And here's a parting vow, my dears,
For all our clubs combined,
We'll join our hands and hearts, and work
For the good of humankind.
For the good of humankind, my dears,
For the good of humankind,
Let Texas women lead the world
For the good of humankind!

Under the next administration Mrs. Terrell accepted the chairmanship of the Library Committee, and by her energy and perseverance gave that work a big forward impetus. She served as a director of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1902-1904. It has ever been her delight to do all in her power to advance Federation movements, and each administration has called upon her willing service in some capacity, and received her hearty support and co-operation. Yet she has never forgotten her first-born—her beloved Texas libraries!

CHAPTER IV.

THE THIRD ADMINISTRATION.
1901—1903.

"To be a true clubwoman demands three characteristics: Efficiency, loyalty, vision. The world has a right to judge us by the high standards of efficiency. We should not undertake action until we have studied conditions, for nothing is so dangerous as 'ignorance at work.' Would that every club might keep before it these three words: Investigate, eliminate, concentrate."

—Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker in address at Pasadena, Cal., July 29, 1915.—

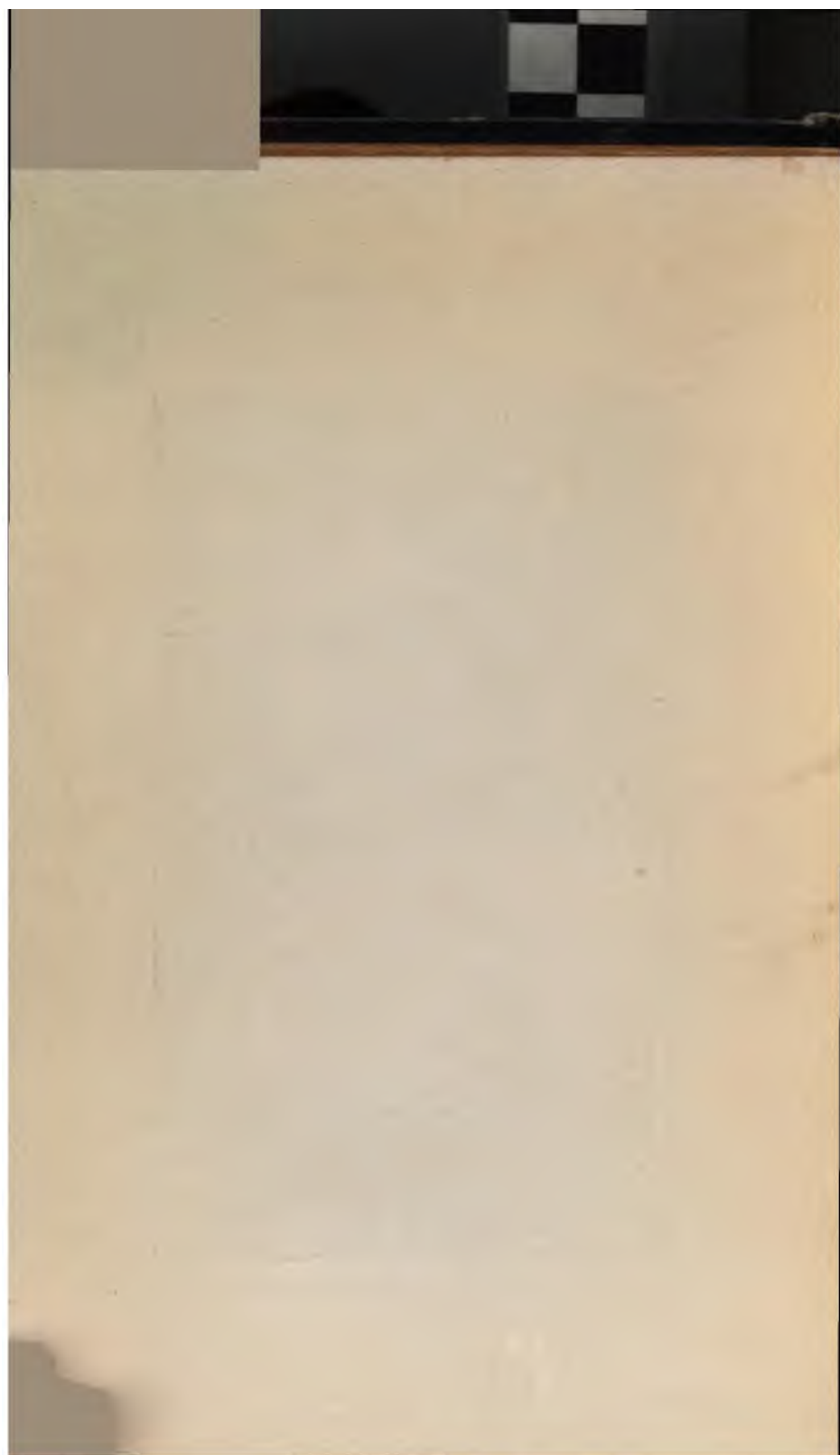
"Her forcefulness and tact, her perfect knowledge of parliamentary law, her justice, dispatch of business, ready speech, and, withal, her sweet womanliness, won all hearts."

—Mrs. R. M. Hall, of Houston, in Houston Post, November, 1902.—

The election of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, of Austin, as the third president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs swung the Federation forces squarely into line for the betterment of the educational facilities of Texas, and made it known as the educational administration. The wife of an educator, herself a teacher and the author of a history of Texas which had been adopted as a text-book in the public schools, Mrs. Pennybacker had naturally and inevitably acquired a



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Austin



wide and varied knowledge of the necessities of the Texas school system, which made her an authority on this subject.

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was a fixed fact. The adoption of the cause of free libraries for Texas and the success attendant upon their efforts had stirred the clubs to great enthusiasm. They had found it possible to work for a common aim, and yet maintain their individuality, and their interest in local affairs. The success which attended their efforts, made them the more eager to attempt further reforms. Every patriotic Texas woman wished to see the state forge ahead on the road of progress, and had a vision of the part she could play in the building up of a great organization which should become a power for good in the land. Membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs had been taken out by the individual clubs, and thus their knowledge had grown of important reforms along various lines of human endeavor. New clubs were forming, and joining older clubs in seeking admission into the State Federation.

A homely old proverb says, "There's much in a good beginning," and the Texas clubs owe a large debt of gratitude to these first three leaders and their able coadjutors in building the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs on a safe and enduring foundation. It might be said of the Texas Federation that Mrs. Rotan gave it life, Mrs. Terrell, enthusiasm, and Mrs. Pennybacker, stability. The timid fluttering nestling had learned to fly, and now was ready to soar on steady wing, with purpose calm and strong.

A most fortunate occurrence for the permanence of the club movement in Texas, was the fact that Mrs. Pennybacker was so situated that she could make many personal visits to the clubs over the state. Thus the enthusiasm carried over from the previous administrations settled into a steady glow of determination. Each visit from the state president drew the clubs of a community closer to her and to each other in a mutual

understanding for the common good. A forceful and resolute worker herself, Mrs. Pennybacker showed how the visions which had been vouchsafed the women, of accomplishing great things for the betterment of the home and family life, must be realized through steady, persistent work day by day. Born of enthusiasm and a high resolve, the march was on and must be continued with patience and perseverance until the goal was won. Many clubwomen who have become tireless workers in the club movement recall with a thrill their baptism of consecration to this cause while listening to one of these personal talks. Mrs. Pennybacker by invitation also visited many other State Federations and carried the message to their annual meetings of what the Texas women were doing.

The newly elected board was called together on the morning of May 4, 1901, in Dallas, by Mrs. Pennybacker, who stated the meeting was one for suggestions and ideas that would tend to the good of the Federation, to be used by the incoming administration. It is interesting to follow the subsequent results of such suggestions as, Encouragement of Department Clubs; Which is better, Department Clubs or City Federation? Shall Department Clubs have one delegate from each department? How shall we divide the state into five districts, according to constitutional amendment? Do you believe in District meetings? Rest Rooms for farmers' wives? Should Texas Women forming clubs in Mexico be admitted into the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs? Induce each club to insert the item "Federation Business" in their order of business. Shall this administration undertake some special work?

In the year book for 1901-1902, we find these appointed members of the Executive Board, Mrs. Cecil Smith, Sherman; Mrs. P. H. Swearingen, San Antonio; Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner, Tyler, and standing committees as follows:

Printing—Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Austin, Chairman; Mrs. E. H. Jenkins, Bastrop; Mrs. Jennie Reynolds,

Mason. Reciprocity—Miss Kate Friend, Waco, Chairman; Miss Virgie Kelley, Longview; Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan. Town Improvement—Mrs. B. A. Randolph, Houston, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Leith, Terrell; Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall. Music—Miss Sallie Carlton, Bonham, Chairman; Mrs. C. L. Stone, Pilot Point; Mrs. Kate Moore Brown, El Paso. Library—Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Fort Worth, Chairman; Mrs. W. J. Gordon, Jr., Corsicana; Mrs. F. L. Hillyer, Lockhart. Household Economics—Mrs. Lida B. Alford, San Antonio, Chairman; Miss Lila Parker, Calvert; Mrs. C. F. Smith, Decatur. History—Mrs. J. M. Bass, Temple, Chairman; Mrs. G. W. Voiers, Forney; Mrs. S. H. Watson, Waxahachie. Literature and Lectures—Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, Seguin, Chairman; Mrs. B. H. Vaughn, Hillsboro; Mrs. Pearl Drye Fulton, Van Alstyne. Art—Mrs. Luther W. Clark, Oak Cliff, Chairman; Mrs. R. C. Shindler, Nacogdoches; Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris. Badge—Mrs. Will Neathery, Farmersville, Chairman; Mrs. W. C. Sadler, Granbury; Mrs. R. M. Rowland, Ladonia. Program—Mrs. Louis Tyler, Belton, Chairman; Mrs. I. S. Dallam, Palestine; Mrs. Jno. B. Goodhue, Beaumont. Education—Mrs. A. H. Wilkins, Dallas, Chairman; Mrs. W. O. Davis, Gainesville; Mrs. R. W. Lewin, Denison. Club Extension—Mrs. E. A. DeWitt, Dallas, Chairman; Mrs. L. J. Lockett, Brenham; Mrs. Geo. Langston, Cisco.

Mrs. Pennybacker worked most arduously in securing the passage of the bill for the erection of the Woman's Building at the State University. She sent out two letters to the president of each federated club and wrote a personal letter to each senator and representative. The rank and file of the Federation did likewise. It is history now, how the bill appropriating \$50,000 passed with a majority of one, on October 2, 1901.

The Executive Board held its semi-annual meeting in the parlors of the Delaware Hotel, Fort Worth, November 26 and 27, 1901. Besides disposing of routine

matters, the noteworthy features of this meeting were (quoting from the official minutes): (1) "an invitation extended to the ladies of Fort Worth to attend the meetings of the board"; (2) "it was decided to furnish information for the reporters by committee"; (3) "the chairman of Educational Committee was instructed to write to the president of each federated club, and put the assessment of \$1.00 per member for the Texas University Scholarship for girls before the same"; (4) "the plan as proposed by Mrs. Sims of Bryan for districting the state was adopted"; (5) "the Dallas and Galveston News and Waco Times-Herald were made the special organs of the Federation"; (6) "the chairman of Educational Committee was instructed to write to each of the federated clubs advising them to appoint two members to serve on an Educational Commission"; (7) "the five vice-presidents below the first vice-president, were assigned to the five districts created."

What was the University Scholarship to which the businesslike brevity of "official minutes" devotes a single line of record? It was proposed to raise \$3,500, the interest of which should be loaned to some worthy girl to assist her through her course at the State University, the beneficiary to repay the loan when able to do so. Tradition credits the chairman of the Educational Committee, Mrs. A. H. Wilkins, of Dallas, with the idea, and the work was carried out under the direction of her committee, but the honor belongs to all the clubwomen. It was one of the most notable achievements of the Federation. It did as much for the clubwomen, as for the various young women who benefited by it. As stated above, the clubs were asked to give this money, at the rate of one dollar a member—and the women gave it—outright. They did not have silver teas, lectures and bazaars to procure this money. They gave from their individual purses, and found to their surprise and joy that, through each one's doing his share, "many a mickle, makes a muckle." This step liberated the clubwomen from the old idea of

"raising" money from the general public by various schemes. In the thousands of dollars contributed to worthy causes since, the Texas clubwomen have rarely gone outside their ranks for money, and when they have done so, it has been done by voluntary subscription. It was not the amount of money involved, but the moral freedom won, to give money in a dignified way, which made this an epochal event in Federation annals.

Certain amendments to the constitution were recommended for adoption at the next annual meeting. It was decided by vote, that clubs formed by Texans in Mexico, should not be admitted to the Texas Federation. "Mrs. Terrell made a plea in behalf of the Federation traveling library devoted to Texas History, and \$20.00 was raised in two minutes."

"In May 1-6, 1902, occurred the greatest of the General Federation biennials at Los Angeles, California. Thither went a strong and numerous delegation from our State Federation and individual clubs, women who, in ability, tact, and personality, challenged the admiration of that assembly, and placed Texas near the first rank as to quality of her club material. As a result one place on the General Federation Board of Directors, and two places on the standing committees came to the state."

—Mrs. Terrell in Dallas News, Nov. 22, 1903.—

The fifth annual meeting of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, convened at Kyle Opera House, Beaumont, Monday, November 17, 1902, thus inaugurating the change of time for holding the annual meetings from May to November.

The following clubs, having been duly recommended for admission by the Executive Board, were elected to membership in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs on this date: Women's Wednesday Club, Alvin; Current Literature Club, Athens; Mothers' Club, Austin; Shakespeare Club, Ballinger; Rosetta Club, Beeville;

O. F. E. Club, Bowie; New Century Club, Brownwood; Twentieth Century Club, Brownwood; Aloha Club, Calvert; Civic Improvement Club, Clarksville; New Era Club, Corsicana; Dallas Free Kindergarten Association, Dallas; Public School Art League, Dallas; Friday Afternoon Club, Dallas; Woman's Thursday Club, Dublin; New Century Club, Elgin; Girls' Chapter, Ennis; Camerata Club, Gatesville; Gatesville Library Club, Gatesville; Twentieth Century Club, Gilmer; Woman's Literary Club, Gonzales; Thursday Club, Hico; Current Literature Club, Houston; "1881" Club, Jefferson; Etaerio Club, La Grange; Pierian Club, Lampasas; Trivium Club, Liberty; Clio Club, Llano; Tuesday Book Club, Manor; Shakespeare Club, Marshall; Friday Afternoon Club, Mexia; "99" Club, Midland; Oak Cliff Improvement Club, Oak Cliff; Twentieth Century Club, Paris; Merry Wives Club, Pecos; Searchlight Club, Pilot Point; Columbine Club, Plano; Sesame Club, Plano; Women's Self-Improvement Club, Port Arthur; Women's Club, San Angelo; Village Improvement and Philanthropy Club, Seguin; Twentieth Century Club, Stephenville; Sorosis Club, Sweetwater; Woman's Improvement League, Taylor; Carnegie Club, Terrell; Parents' and Teachers' Club, Terrell; Modern Writers' Club, Waco; Euterpean Club, Waco; New Century Club, Wharton; Unity Club, Wichita Falls.

Wednesday morning, November 19, the New Century Club of Del Rio was elected into membership and on Wednesday afternoon, the New Century Club of Bowie was elected a member.

Next came the reports of the first district meetings ever held in Texas, together with the report of Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan, as to her plan of dividing the state into five districts. Mrs. Sims has frequently narrated her perplexity as to how to proceed to divide the state upon an impartial basis. Having no precedent to guide her, she sat down with a map, rule, pencil and list of clubs before her, and proceeded to district the

state, keeping two salient points in mind—that the larger cities should be somewhat evenly distributed—and the accessibility of towns containing federated clubs, to the railroads. She then recommended the assignment of the state vice-presidents to preside over those districts in which they resided so far as possible; this made Miss Ella Cockrell of Abilene, Fifth Vice-president, presiding officer of the First or Northwestern district; Mrs. J. D. Osborn of Cleburne, Second vice-president, presiding over the Second or North Central district; Mrs. Edmund Key of Marshall, Fourth vice-president, presiding over Third or Northeastern district; Mrs. Milton W. Sims of Bryan, Sixth vice-president, presiding over the Fourth or Southeastern district; and Mrs. John B. Goodhue, of Beaumont, Third vice-president, presiding over the Fifth or Southwestern district. In the Third, Fourth and Fifth districts meetings were held in 1902; the Third at Marshall, in the spring, the Fourth in Temple, March 26, and the Fifth in Taylor on April 15.

At the afternoon session of November 17th, 1902, amendments to the constitution, proposed at the Executive Board meeting in Fort Worth, November 27, 1901, were considered, with the following results: "Article III, Section I—Department Clubs shall be entitled to one delegate for each department, consistent with the constitution of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and paying dues as individual clubs. Adopted." "The amendment to admit City Federations to membership was lost. The argument was advanced that City Federations could often accomplish much in their local work, by granting membership to men's organizations, who were not eligible to membership in the State Federation, while at the same time, no woman's club belonging to any City Federation was debarred from individual membership in the State Federation. Mrs. J. C. Terrell, chairman of the Library Committee, presented the library report, showing the growth in four years from 6 to 54 libraries; five cities

maintaining public libraries from municipal revenue. Mrs. Terrell ended by introducing Mr. Benj. Wyche, secretary of the newly-formed State Library Association, who spoke "on the aims and plans of the Association." Miss Kate Friend, chairman of the Reciprocity Committee, reported upon the work of that committee, its friendly exchange of club programs, its preparation of study courses, and its listed club papers available for reference. Mrs. B. A. Randolph gave an interesting account of the progress of work in village improvement.

On President's Evening, November 17, Mrs. Thos. T. Cottnam, president of the Aesthetic Club of Little Rock, Arkansas, was introduced to a Texas audience who listened admiringly to her address upon the ideals of the Arkansas clubwomen. Mrs. Cecil Smith of Sherman gave a most brilliant and witty talk on the Biennial meeting at Los Angeles, in which she told how the unity and harmony which prevailed among the Texas delegation made them notable and influential in the assembly. Mrs. Cone Johnson was then introduced and spoke most eloquently in behalf of the newly opened Girls' Industrial School at Denton.

The president, in her address, reviewing the work of the past year, and urging the clubwomen to greater effort for the future, struck a new note of advance in her earnest plea for a child labor law. This closed the printed program; but, before the audience was dismissed, Mrs. Ring of Houston offered the following resolution: "Whereas, The Twenty-seventh Legislature of Texas enacted a law establishing a Girls' Industrial School in this state, and which measure was aided and supported by our distinguished Governor, Joseph D. Sayers; therefore be it Resolved, That we heartily thank the members of the Legislature for their action and will give this undertaking our co-operation and support; that every clubwoman in the state be urged to place the importance of the work before her representative and senator that they may secure for

it generous support and ample appropriations. Resolved, That our thanks are especially due Governor Sayers for his recognition of the women of Texas by the appointment on the board of regents of this school of three women, Mrs. Cone Johnson, Miss Brackenridge and Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Governor Sayers and to the Legislature of Texas."

The notable features of the fifth convention are expressed in the resolutions passed relative to the various phases of club activities. "Resolved, That the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Texas pledge its support to the Texas Library Association, and stands ready to do all in its power for the appointment of a library commission by the next legislature. Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee from this organization to act with similar committees from the State Library Association, and the Texas Women's Press Association, in arranging to obtain needed library legislation from the next legislature."

Mrs. Swearingen of San Antonio presented the following: "Resolved, That the president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs appoint a committee to confer with the board of lady managers of University Hall, Galveston, concerning the best plans of making known to the women of Texas the advantages offered them in the way of a medical education by the princely generosity of Col. George W. Brackenridge of San Antonio." A motion by Mrs. E. J. Tillar of Fort Worth:—That a committee from each district be appointed to assist in organizing and developing musical clubs. These committees to co-operate with music committees of the state, was carried. "Whereas, Realizing that the study of music is an essential part of an education and that the children of the state have been too long deprived of this advantage; therefore be it Resolved, That the Federation of Women's Clubs pledge its hearty support and co-operation in the introduction of music of the best order in the public schools of Texas.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the plank in the platforms of the various political parties of this state demanding the enactment of a law prohibiting the employment of children under 12 years of age in the mills and factories, and that we most earnestly urge the passage of such a measure by the legislature at its next session.

"Whereas, in our own beloved Texas, after making a liberal allowance for pupils attending private schools, there are more than 140,000 children of scholastic age who do not attend a school of any kind; and Whereas, We believe it a crime to permit this state of affairs to continue, we hereby put ourselves on record as believing in 'compulsory education' and we pledge ourselves as members of this organization to secure the passage of a compulsory education law and an increase in taxation for school purposes sufficient to meet the resulting additional expense of our schools.

"Resolved, That we aid by our influence the Daughters of the Republic in the preservation of the old missions. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. H. F. Ring, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. J. Baldrige, Committee on Resolutions."

The president called Mrs. C. B. Stone to the chair, while she presented the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to assist the Daughters of the Republic in obtaining from the legislature, an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the placing in our national capitol of a statue of the great Stephen F. Austin. The president then resumed the chair, and the following by-law was presented by Mrs. Swearingen and adopted: That each district at its annual meeting shall elect one delegate to the Biennial meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and that the president shall appoint the others to which the state is entitled. X

Among the closing courtesies of the convention was the introduction to the audience of Mrs. Mary Autry Greer, 74 years of age, only surviving daughter of the *survivor* of the Alamo, Micajah Autry. She was greeted

with the Chautauqua salute, after which the resolutions of appreciation for Beaumont hospitality were adopted.

The illustrated lecture on Civic Beauty of Mr. E. G. Routzahn of Chicago, Secretary of the American League for Civic Improvement, which concluded the Federation program, brought forcibly home to his audience the necessity for Texas to awaken from a lethargy respecting these matters. An impetus was given to civic art and beauty which the years have not lessened.

As pleasant reminiscences of the social intercourse enjoyed at Beaumont may be mentioned an informal reception at the home of Mrs. J. N. Gilbert, the first afternoon, the ride to the oil fields, that famous Spindle Top region; a reception by the Elks and Neches Clubs, and the witnessing of a presentation of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" in Kyle Opera House.

A bit of "atmosphere" of this convention is brought to remembrance, in these two extracts which follow, from the pens of two gifted Texas clubwomen:

"The educational rally was the most inspiring occasion in the history of the Texas Federation. Imagine delegate after delegate rising to report a dollar for each membership in the club, until \$2,000 was raised in a very few minutes for the scholarship endowment for girls at the State University. * * * Enthusiasm reached the high tide when uninstructed delegates rose and pledged the amount, "if they had to pay it themselves," when the chairman of the educational committee, Mrs. A. H. Wilkins, pledged a personal \$50.00, when other personal contributions came rolling in all the day from \$5 to \$25, and when Mrs. J. B. Dibrell extended all the hospitalities of her Austin home as a permanent memorial to her mother, to any girl the Federation might select to send there to live during her university training. The announcement of the gift of scholarships from Baylor College at Belton, Southwestern University at Georgetown to girls to be

selected by the Federation was the occasion of the characteristic "Chautauqua salute."

—"Pauline Periwinkle" (Mrs. W. A. Calloway) in Dallas News, November 24, 1902.—

"At the Beaumont convention, November, 1902, even more than the usual advance was apparent. The president's annual address was replete with mention of work accomplished, rest rooms established, mothers' and teachers' clubs formed, correlating the forces that go to mould the child, school grounds made beautiful, buildings made attractive, music and art brought into the school life, libraries increased, growth of free kindergartens made a beautiful story to hear. Undoubtedly the richest results were shown in the cause of education, due directly to the untiring efforts of the president. Early in her administration she had requested each club to devote two weeks in March to educational work, when club programs and club efforts should center in the school. The poll tax amendment, which added so materially to the state school fund, is claimed to have been successful largely through the work of clubwomen."

—Mrs. J. C. Terrell, in Dallas News, November 22, 1903.—

Mrs. Pennybacker convened the Executive Board November 20, 1902, the day after the close of the convention, at the home of Mrs. John B. Goodhue.

A motion carried that the university scholarship be referred to the Educational Committee. The appeals for legislation embodied in the resolutions passed at the convention were discussed. A motion carried that the president be allowed a stenographer when necessary. It was suggested that no appeals for money should be made by chairmen of committees without consent of the Executive Board. The question of awarding the four scholarships accepted by the Federation was deferred for longer consideration. As a link binding the

work completed and that ahead of the Federation, the historian cannot do better than record Mrs. Pennybacker's "President's Greeting" in the new year-book for 1902-03, given in her own terse, vigorous language.

"To the Federated Clubwomen of Texas: During the past club year the most encouraging features of the Federation work have been: 1. The number of federated clubs has increased from 135 to 175; the number of federated clubwomen 3,414 to 4,220. The state has been divided into five districts, a vice-president being assigned to each district as presiding officer. Three of the districts held successful meetings last spring, while the spring of 1903 will record five enthusiastic district conventions. A photographic collection of the best in American art has been sent to 66 clubs.

"The following scholarships have been generously donated to the Federation: Baylor Female College, Belton, one scholarship in literary department, value \$60; one scholarship in music or elocution department, value \$60. Southwestern University, Georgetown, one scholarship in literary department, free tuition, and a reduction of \$43 in board. Fort Worth University, Fort Worth, scholarship in literary department, value \$60; scholarship in art department, value \$54.

"In the year to come we have promised: To raise the University Loan Fund to \$3,500. To ask from our present legislators generous support for the Girls' Industrial College, laws restricting child labor, legislation necessary to protect and encourage public libraries, and an appropriation of \$3,000 for placing a marble statue of Stephen F. Austin in our National Capitol side by side with the statue of General Houston. To advocate the cause of compulsory education, the betterment of the rural schools, the general introduction of manual and industrial training and the teaching by means of special instructors the best order of music in our public schools. To make familiar to the young women of Texas the superb advantages offered for medical training by

University Hall, Galveston, a princely gift to the Medical Department at our University by a benefactor who welcomes women into this profession, Col. Brackenridge of San Antonio. To aid the Daughters of the Republic in restoring the old missions."

Circumstances necessitated some changes in the personnel of the standing committees, the new appointees being herewith noted: Reciprocity—Mrs. J. W. Orand, Morgan; Town Improvement—Mrs. A. B. Griffith, Terrell; Music—Mrs. E. J. Tillar, Fort Worth, chairman; Art—Mrs. Fred Fleming, Corsicana, chairman; Program—Mrs. H. C. Carter, San Antonio, chairman; Mrs. C. F. Smith, McGregor; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth; Club Extension—Mrs. Robert A. Greer, Beaumont, chairman; Mrs. B. Bryan, Brenham; Special Committee on University Hall, Galveston—Mrs. Jno. B. Goodhue, Beaumont, chairman; Mrs. Edward Rotan, Waco; Mrs. J. C. Coit, Denton.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Board was held in the parlors of the Elks' Club, Terrell, March 18, 1903, Mrs. Pennybacker presiding. Applications were received from seven clubs which were unanimously recommended for membership. Mrs. J. C. Coit of Denton presented the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, that no club be entitled to a delegate in district meetings until such club has been formally admitted into the State Federation.

Concerning the State University scholarship, the Executive Board decided to recommend to the Federation: "That the University Scholarship Fund when raised be placed in the hands of the University as a gift, with two conditions: (1) That a committee of three, consisting of the president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, chairman of the Educational Committee of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and the president of the University, select the beneficiary; (2) That only the interest of the fund may be used." A motion carried for a committee to be appointed to select beneficiaries for the gift scholarships

by June, 1903. The board also recommended that all literary work of the Literary and Lecture Committee be transferred to the Reciprocity Committee.

The next meeting of the board was held on Monday evening, November 23, 1903, at 8 o'clock, in Hotel Worth prior to the annual meeting to convene on Tuesday morning. The applications of 40 new clubs were read, approved and recommended for membership.

The sixth annual meeting of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs convened in Tabernacle Christian Church at Fort Worth, November 24, 1903, at 9 a. m. The official program shows, in addition to the addresses of welcome, and response on behalf of the clubwomen by Mrs. J. N. Chandler of Weatherford, that greetings to Texas were tendered from three State Federations: Mrs. Noble Prentiss of Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Mary Bradford of Denver, president of the Colorado Federation, and Mrs. W. M. Neal, president of the Arkansas Federation. Dr. William L. Prather, president of the State University, was another distinguished visitor.

The following clubs were then voted into membership: Reading Club, Albany; History Club, Anson; Mothers' Club of Pease School, Austin; Ladies' Wednesday Club, Bartlett; Woman's Department Club, Childress; Wednesday Afternoon Club, Claude; Self-Culture Club, Coleman; Shakespeare Club, Como; Parliamentary Club, Ennis; Shakespeare Club, Flatonia; Woman's Department Club, Fort Worth; Girls' Musical and Literary Club, Galveston; Mothers' Club of Broadway School, Galveston; Magazine and Musical Club, Galveston; Woman's Health Protective Association, Galveston; Magazine Club, Haskell; Clover Club, Kaufman; Woman's Wednesday Club, Kemp; Woman's Club, Laredo; Woman's Club, Lockhart; Shakespeare Club, Lufkin; Wednesday Matinee Musical Club, Marlin; Sesame Club, McKinney; Woman's Wednesday Club, Mineola; Ladies' Reading Club, Orange; Standard Club, Pittsburg; '03 Club, Ranger; Civic League,

San Angelo; Phoenix Club, San Antonio; Ladies' Reading Club, Sealy; Cardinal Club, Seguin; Mothers' Club of High School, Seguin; Twentieth Century Club, Seymour; Twentieth Century Club, Stamford; Shakespearean Thirteen, Sulphur Springs; Progressive Club, Temple; Wednesday Derthick Musical Club, Texarkana; El Progreso Club, Uvalde; Cecilian Club, Vernon; Literary Club, Yoakum.

During this morning session, reports were heard from the five vice-presidents presiding over the five districts, each of which had held a successful meeting showing steady growth in interest concerning Federation work. The first district held its meeting in Abilene, May 7, 1903, the second at Denton, April 29, 1903, the third, at Terrell, March 17, 1903, the fourth in Waco, April 14, 1903, and the fifth in Seguin, April 24, 1903. An interesting event of this last named meeting was the presentation to the district of a gavel made of Texas wood, by Bonner, the young son of Mrs. Pennybacker, being his first work in the manual training school at Austin. Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone of Galveston followed these reports with an address on A Visitor's Impression of the District Meetings. Mrs. William Johnston Cocke of North Carolina, formerly Miss Nola Ellen Dilworth, corresponding secretary of the Texas Federation under this administration, was voted an honorary member.

At the afternoon session of November 24, the proposed amendments to the constitution were considered. These amendments were necessary to bring the phraseology of the Constitution and By-Laws into harmony with the establishment of the five districts. These changes were: "(1) To insert as Article VII and Article VIII, the following: Article VII. The state shall be divided into five districts, each district having management of its own affairs; provided, that there be no conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Federation. Article VIII. The presiding officers of the various districts shall be considered the nominees

for the office of vice-presidents below the first, their grades only to be determined by the vote of the State Convention. Adopted." "(2) Re-numbering the succeeding articles. Article VII shall be Article IX; that Article VIII shall be Article X; that Article IX be Article XI; that Article X be Article XII. Adopted."

(3) "That Article VII be amended by inserting the words 'chairmen of standing committees and the state secretary for the General Convention,' after the phrase 'members of the Executive Board,' so as when amended to read: 'Members of the Executive Board, Chairmen of Standing Committees and the State Secretary for the General Federation, are entitled to all the privileges of delegates.' This amendment was lost by six votes."

(4) "That Article VIII (as it now stands in the Constitution) be amended to read: 'Department Clubs may be represented,' instead of, as it now stands, 'Department Clubs shall be represented.' Adopted."

(5) "That Article VI, Section 2, of the by-laws be amended by inserting the clause, 'excepting those of the vice-presidents below the first,' after the clause 'when this ticket is announced, opportunity will be given for other nominations on the floor,' so as when amended to read, 'when this ticket is announced, opportunity will be given for other nominations from the floor, excepting those of the vice-presidents below the first.' Adopted."

(6) "That Article VI, Section 2, of the by-laws be further amended by inserting the clause, 'Unless unanimous consent is given to a viva voce vote' after the clause, 'elections shall be conducted by ballot,' so as when amended to read, 'elections shall be conducted by ballot, unless unanimous consent is given to a viva voce vote.' Adopted."

At this session, a roll-call of clubs showed \$703.97 lacking to complete the Scholarship Fund, \$3,500.00, which amount was raised then and there. Announcement was also made of the name of the first beneficiary of this fund, Miss Linda Paine of Lufkin. It was an

inspiring moment when, at the close of her annual address on President's Evening, Mrs. Pennybacker turned to Dr. Prather, and presented him with the deed of gift to the University scholarship. With a feeling of almost awe, the clubwomen of Texas realized that they had actually accomplished a financial transaction all their own—they had raised this money for the scholarship by their own efforts without asking the men to do it for them. It had taken some months of earnest effort, much planning, but it was finally accomplished. It has never been so hard to raise money in the Texas Federation since.

Wednesday, November 25, was principally devoted to reports from the several standing committees, which were very interesting, showing the work achieved. The badge committee reported 247 Federation pins sold during the year, evidencing how the clubwomen were beginning to appreciate the little emblem which accorded them recognition when away from home. The reciprocity committee reported "that its domain lies wholly within the club course of study; it sends out year-books to assist committees in making their outline for study, it suggests courses of study to new clubs, sends out programs for special days, secures papers for exchange and lists them in the Federation calendar, and sends clippings to clubs pertinent to their work." The music committee had successfully turned its attention to assisting the clubs to obtain music in the parks of various communities during the spring and summer months, and in securing the introduction of the best music in our public schools. The history committee encouraged the presentation of United States flags, historic pictures and sculpture to our public schools, the observance of national and state holidays with their historic meaning by the clubs. This committee furnished history outlines for study and programs for historic holidays. The library committee gave the interesting information that the "number of libraries in Texas, directly and indirectly due to club effort was

114—48 local public libraries, 12 of which are free, 36 subscription, 37 traveling libraries, circulated by 9 clubs, 29 libraries for exclusive club use. Funds for maintenance of libraries raised in 1901-2, \$33,669.95, of which \$25,000 is from annual municipal appropriations for support of Carnegie libraries; \$8,669.95 raised by clubs. Number of books in these libraries, 77,801. Twenty-six public reading rooms are maintained, seventeen salaried librarians employed, of whom nine are professionals." As a means toward securing necessary library legislation, the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, together with the Texas University and the State Teachers' Association, organized a State Library Association, with President Prather of the Texas University as president, and Mr. Benjamin Wyche as secretary. The chairman of library committee, Mrs. J. C. Terrell of Fort Worth, on November 27, afternoon session, presented the following resolution: "Whereas, The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, at their first annual convention at Tyler, 1898, adopted as its pre-eminent work the establishment of public libraries throughout Texas; and, Whereas, Your first library committee decided to enter upon an educative policy in order to create a library sentiment, which should in time place this great public beneficence under the strong fostering care of the state; and, Whereas, This educative policy having been earnestly and successfully followed for five years until now there exist in this state 55 public and 41 traveling libraries, each being an active center, radiating library interest and enthusiasm, which makes ripe the time for the consummation of first purpose, now that the goal is almost in sight. Therefore be it "Resolved, That during the next administration, this organization pledge its support to no legislative causes, except in case of extreme need, save that of public libraries including traveling libraries; "Resolved, That in the Texas State Library Association, the Federation recognizes the correlation of the library interests of the state, and pledges to it the

earnest support of the clubwomen of Texas for any plan or plans furthering library interests adopted by said Association, and extends to it the fullest service of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs."

The chairman of the Household Economics Committee, Mrs. Lida B. Alford of San Antonio, presented Miss Daniels, the house economics lecturer, to the delegates. Miss Maria Daniels expressed her appreciation of the courtesies shown her by the clubwomen. Miss Daniels' visit to Texas had been made possible through the benefaction of D. H. Perkay, head of Oread Institute, Massachusetts. A rising vote of thanks was given him. The art committee reported a most successful tour of the state with the art exhibit under the supervision of Miss Roxie Hassell, the personal conductor, English Art being the subject this year. The assessment per capita of the clubs was raised this year from ten cents to twenty-five cents. The lecture committee had been instrumental in bringing the famous Mrs. Rorer to Texas, Austin and Waco having taken all her available dates. Under the auspices of this committee, Laredo Taft, the great sculptor, made his first appearance to Texas audiences. Mrs. Bertha Kunz Baker, the celebrated dramatic reader and interpreter, was also brought to the state by this committee. The club extension committee repeated their efforts at organizing clubs, and inducing unfederated clubs to send in their applications for membership. Mrs. John B. Goodhue, chairman of the special committee appointed to look into the reason why University Hall, Galveston, the munificent donation of Colonel George Brackenridge of San Antonio, to the people of Texas, was so little used, reported that more general advertisement of the facilities offered was needed.

Mr. Louis J. Wortham of Austin, secretary of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission for Texas, was invited to address the convention upon the question of Texas co-operating in the exposition, and having a state building and appointments. So enthusiastic was

Mr. Wortham in placing the question before the convention, that a motion by Mrs. C. B. Stone of Galveston "that the Federation co-operate with the Texas World's Fair Commission for the success of a state exhibit," was unanimously carried.

The seeds of interest in kindergartens was sown by Mrs. Anna T. Noble, who reported the work done in kindergartens in the state.

The following noteworthy resolutions were presented and passed by the assembly: "As the Federation has grown to such magnitude that only a few towns in the state are large enough to entertain the convention, be it resolved, that hereafter all delegates or their clubs, pay the delegates' expenses." Mrs. J. D. Osborn, Cleburne. "Resolved, That we recommend that the chairmen of committees be allowed the privileges of officers in the Executive Board meetings." Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell. "Resolved, That we fully appreciate the pioneer work done by Dr. Ellen Lawson Dabbs in the interest of the Girls' Industrial School." Penelope Club, Fort Worth, Mrs. Eliza McCurly, Mrs. M. M. Heathercote.

Prof. N. S. Hunsdon, principal of the Manual Training School, Austin, delivered an address, in which he explained the legislative enactment, by which the sum of \$500.00 was obtainable from the state, conditional upon the community raising another \$500.00, for which joint sum, a course in manual training or domestic science may be placed in the schools.

Houston was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting.

According to the revised constitution, the newly organized districts selected their presiding officers by ballot at the district conventions, and their rank only as state vice-presidents was voted upon at the election, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; First Vice-president, Mrs. Reese Wilson, Lockhart; Second Vice-president, Mrs. W. S. Banks, Temple; Third Vice-president, Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell,

Seguin; Fourth Vice-president, Mrs. Fred Fleming, Corsicana; Fifth Vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Stephenville; Sixth Vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Pondrum, Pilot Point; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Henry S. Hinton, Dallas; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William Christian, Houston; Treasurer, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio; Auditor, Mrs. R. M. Chapman, Greenville.

The social features of the convention were much enjoyed. The luncheon served each day, in a hall convenient to the church, to all clubwomen and their hostesses if desired, made the noon recess one of delightful intercourse, and permitted hostesses to attend the meetings also. As the only time in its history, when the State Federation meeting included Thanksgiving Day, all business was suspended on November 26, and the day filled with feasting and hospitality. A Thanksgiving tea at the Country Club, and the Musical Evening of the Federation rounded out the day's pleasures. A reception at Fort Worth University, a trip to the Girls' Industrial School at Denton, and an evening reception at the Elks' Club, meeting the citizens of Fort Worth, gave opportunities for discussion of Federation hopes and ideals, the formation of friendships, and the interchange of ideas.

The following resume of Mrs. Pennybacker's second year of administration is from the genial pen of Mrs. J. C. Terzell in the Dallas News, November 22, 1903:

"The present year has seen the fruition of several plans. The magnificent Girls' Industrial School at Denton has opened its doors to the young daughters of Texas, and in its board of regents are three representative women, as recognition of the interest the Federation and other women's organizations had taken in securing the institution. The Woman's Building at the State University, splendidly equipped and under the management of an able corps of women, is furnishing a comfortable and elegant home for the young women students of that seat of learning. The second child of

the Federation, the Traveling Art Gallery, has in the course of three years so thriven and been made welcome in city, town and village, where it was enjoyed by thousands of children, that a larger collection and better facilities were required to meet the demand, contributions were freely raised to a 25c assessment and a personal conductor engaged, whose intelligent expositions have added greatly to the interest and value of the work. Eminent lecturers on art have been brought to the state, spreading the gospel of beauty and art in life. Growth in public libraries has been phenomenal, with seventeen Carnegie library buildings, either completed or in course of construction, thousands of books on the shelves of these and smaller libraries and the goal of this first pre-eminent work of the Federation made possible, by the organization of the State Library Association, under the auspices of the State University, the State Teachers' Association and the Federation. Meanwhile the kindergartens have taken a permanent hold, and the prospects are good for engrafting them upon the public school system of many communities. Manual training and domestic service have been introduced into some public schools, being fostered by the state. An interest is awakened in better rural schools. Above all, the clubwomen and the teachers are closely united in work for the betterment of all school conditions. Two hundred and thirty-two clubs have been enrolled, representing over 5,000 members. It is but fitting that mention should here be made of one who, prominent in the organization from its incipency, ever used her wide influence to keep its high aims from swerving. Mrs. Sidney Smith, Sr., of the Dallas Standard Club, wise, gentle and ever womanly, 'verily, being dead, yet liveth,' and the clubwomen of Texas honor her memory."

Mrs. Pennybacker accepted a place on the new executive board by appointment of Mrs. Turner, then passed into the wider activities of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, serving as director, treasurer, auditor,



and (1916) is just completing her second term as president. To all the "high places" and honors to which her loyalty to Federation ideals, her singleness of purpose, and executive ability have justly entitled her, the love and admiration of her Texas fellow-clubwomen have followed her.





MRS. E. P. TURNER
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CHAPTER V.

THE FOURTH ADMINISTRATION.
1903—1905.

"The modern clubwoman has not time to fret, to languish, to gossip about her neighbor's affairs, but is keenly alive to every interest that touches the life of home, town or nation. * * * She accomplishes much because she works with least of friction to the fullness of her capacity."

—Mrs. E. P. Turner in Annual Address at Houston, November 15, 1904.—

"The women of Texas have placed at their helm a noble woman, one of dignified bearing, a kind and gracious manner, but more than these, a woman of judgment and of firm principles. They have elected a woman thoroughly identified with Texas as she has grown from childhood to ripe maturity on Texas soil."

—Waco Times-Herald, November 29, 1903.—

The selection of Mrs. E. P. Turner as leader was unique in that she is the only woman called from the ranks of the Federation to the presidential chair. At the time of her election she held no office in the Federation. What would be the keynote of the new administration? Library sentiment was growing so rapidly that it seemed the impetus of the movement would push through the needed library legislation, although the administration *had* inherited that strong library resolution from the Fort Worth convention. The parents of the state had been awakened to its educational needs

by the vigorous administration just closed. Any woman strong enough and broad enough to receive the highest gift in the power of the clubwomen to bestow, would surely possess an individuality which must make its impress upon her work for the Federation. So it was soon known that civics and philanthropy would be the keynote to which the fourth administration would tune its harmonies.

The new administration was called upon to do something different from its usual club routine, and "do it quick." This was to assist the Texas Commission in arranging for a worthy presentation of Texas at the great Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, with barely five months in which to do the work. As the Texas Constitution makes no provision for legislative appropriations for expositions, representation at St. Louis would have been impossible but for a group of clear-visioned citizens, who saw a business opportunity for the state which must not be lost. Texas had a wonderful chance to show her resources, her vast array of raw materials, her fertile soils, to the world, at this great exposition so near her doors. Not only were exhibits to be collected, but a dormant public sentiment to be aroused to see the importance of the event to the progress of our beloved state. Mrs. Turner, the president, and Mrs. William Christian, the recording secretary, were appointed on the Board of Lady Commissioners as official representatives of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Turner's first ringing address to the clubwomen given through the press was an appeal to their civic pride to redeem their pledge of co-operation in this matter.

Mrs. Turner named as the appointed members of the Executive Board, Mrs. James Madison Bass of Temple, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Austin, and Mrs. Cone Johnson of Tyler. Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco consented to serve as state secretary to the General Federation; while the advisory board to the Library Committee was composed of Mr. Edward Rotan of Waco,

chairman; Judge Rufus Hardy of Corsicana, Hon. Cone Johnson of Tyler, President W. L. Prather of the University, and Hon. Arthur Lefevre of Austin, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The following ladies were named for the standing committees: Civics—Miss Nora B. Combs, San Antonio, chairman; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi; Mrs. T. M. Kell, Vernon. Library—Mrs. Reese Wilson, Lockhart, chairman; Mrs. M. E. Allan, Victoria; Mrs. E. C. Dodd, Laredo. Art—Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris, chairman; Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham; Mrs. J. O. Files, Itasca. Music—Mrs. W. F. Beers, Galveston, chairman; Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth; Miss Kate Hunter, Palestine. Lecture—Mrs. Matthew Cartwright, Terrell, chairman; Mrs. Frank Vernon, Cisco; Mrs. H. P. Brown, Cleburne. Program—Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth, chairman; Mrs. H. Nelson Jones, Houston; Mrs. R. H. Garrison, Denton. Education—Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, Galveston, chairman; Mrs. W. A. McCord, Bastrop; Mrs. Lillie Shaver, San Marcos. History—Mrs. Adele B. Looscan, Houston, chairman; Mrs. S. W. Sholars, Orange; Miss Adina De Zavala, San Antonio. Household Economics—Mrs. Stayton Weldon, Cuero, chairman; Miss Lizzie Rowell, Jefferson; Mrs. J. W. Butler, Clifton. Club Extension—Mrs. Rose F. Howell, Bryan, chairman; Mrs. R. B. Hood, Weatherford; Mrs. A. J. Kiser, Texarkana. Reciprocity—Mrs. M. L. Bixler, Beaumont, chairman; Mrs. Osce Goodwin, Waxahachie; Mrs. Charles H. Jones, Denison. Badge—Mrs. J. H. Parsons, El Paso, chairman; Miss Lillie Pippin, Ennis; Miss Virgie Sams, Benjamin. Printing—Mrs. Heber Page, Dallas, chairman; Mrs. S. Lumpkin, Hillsboro; Mrs. W. E. Ditto, McKinney. Because so much was comprised under the head of Civics, Mrs. Turner made a special committee of Parks and School Grounds, under the care of Mrs. Frank A. Tompkins of Pilot Point, chairman; Mrs. A. M. Graves, Clarksville; Mrs. C. F. Gribble, Sherman. The importance of the kindergarten movement was also

recognized by placing it under a special committee, comprised of Mrs. A. J. Roe, Fort Worth, chairman; Mrs. J. C. Weaver, Dallas; Josephine Kingsley, M. D., San Antonio.

With the formation of these committees, a definite plan of work was adopted. It was decided to supplement the efforts of business men and railroads to show the products and opportunities for investment in Texas, by showing the world what kind of a place Texas was to live in, and what kind of people lived in Texas. To give a decent but decided interment to the worn-out but still active idea in the minds of many Americans that Texas men usually wore high boots, jingling spurs, sombreros, and transacted business a-horseback, and that the women wore calico dresses for the most part, and lived in homes with inadequate housekeeping conveniences.

A Texas architect had solved the problem for a unique state building, by designing one in the shape of the five-pointed star—symbolizing the Lone Star State—which wise (?) men had said was impossible. It was determined to fill the allotted wall-space of this star-shaped building with photographs of the actual homes, schools, libraries, parks, playgrounds, churches and other public buildings of Texas cities and towns.

While one would not diminish by one iota the gratitude due from the state to the individuals who gave time, money and energy to representing Texas at St. Louis, yet a history dealing in facts must record that the help of several thousand women, working through the thoroughly organized departments of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, proved an immense factor in the phenomenal success achieved. This is true also of the patriotic societies of Texas—the Daughters of the Republic, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy—all with their local chapters, forming links which made for efficiency and dispatch.

It seems proper here to state the great success of

Texas at St. Louis. Having taken "Texas Culture" as their slogan, the entire body of official representatives pressed home the object lesson to the American and foreign public which visited the state building during the Exposition. The lower floor of the star-shaped home of official hospitality was a series of reception rooms, one point of the star being used for administration purposes. Two points were furnished with massive furniture fashioned on dignified lines, and made of Texas wood in the state penitentiary. One room had its walls decorated with historic relics, glass showcases also containing these interesting objects of the storied past. Paintings by Texas artists adorned the walls. Texas sculpture was recognized by the tear-impelling life-sized models of Coppini's "After the Galveston Storm" and Elizabet Ney's recumbent "Albert Sidney Johnston." Both of these pieces of statuary attracted widespread attention for their originality and strength of design. A photographic frieze of beautiful Texas homes, scattered from the Panhandle to the Gulf, adorned one room. The walls were literally covered with hundreds of photographs, showing magnificent school buildings, handsome libraries, imposing post-offices and court houses, railroad stations of latest design, interiors of school rooms showing what the art leagues had placed in the way of pictures and statuary, vistas of paved streets in cities and towns, parks with luxuriant foliage and flower-beds. Texas refinement was further emphasized by collections of books by Texas authors, music by Texas composers, year-books of Texas clubs. So great was the amount of material sent in, it overflowed the allotted space, and the generous commissioners gave more and more, until the state building became a monument to the thrift and industry of Texas citizens, and the enthusiasm of the clubwomen.

Mrs. Turner, in her first annual address delivered in Houston, November 15, 1904, says of this work of her administration: "The Texas Federation, at its last annual meeting, pledged its co-operation with the

World's Fair Commission to secure proper representation of the state at the St. Louis Exposition. It was a patriotic appeal that roused the clubwomen to action. A plan of work was outlined and printed in the form of a circular letter, February 25, 1904, and one mailed to each individual club. So clearly stated was the special work of each department, that, notwithstanding the short space of time in which to collect the material for the exhibits, all was accomplished without delay or confusion. The injunction from the Commission was that the exhibit should be photographic, historic and statistical in character. Surprising, indeed, was the result of the work of the standing committees. Each chairman made an appeal for material corresponding to the special work of her department. A large collection of pictures, books and music were received at Dallas, and at the appointed time were packed and expressed to the Texas building to be placed in one point of the star. They were in place before the first session of the Biennial, before the dedication of the Texas building, and 'Federation Point' was the scene of the first social function. In addition, printed folders, exploiting the achievements of the Texas Federation, were distributed at the Biennial, and placed for reference in the Federation point. The united effort, executive skill and prompt action of the clubwomen in their ambition to sustain the honor of their state, reflects not only credit upon them as a body, but shows ability to hold the situation in a firm grasp until their plans are executed.

"The programs given during the summer at the Texas building embraced many numbers recommended by the chairmen of the Lecture and Program committees. From reports of delegates at the five district meetings it was learned that contributions of money had been sent, some through local commissioners and others directly through the clubs. Thus the pledge to support the Commission in the endeavor to place Texas before the world in a creditable manner was fulfilled."

The "District" system was now thoroughly organized, and was proving its value in stimulating interest in club-work in the smaller communities. Women who found it inconvenient to go so far afield as a state convention could go to the district meeting "at their doors" or "just around the corner," a couple of hours' journey. As stated before, the precedent was established of inviting all the state officers to be present at each district meeting, and the state president delivered an address upon these occasions. The Executive Board held its semi-annual meeting with some one of the districts, adding to their interest in and knowledge of Federation affairs.

District activity in 1904 began with the third annual meeting of the Fifth District held in Cuero, April 5. The American History Club, through its delegate, introduced a resolution considering the advisability of installing a Domestic Science department at the State University. This resolution was endorsed by the delegates and referred to the Executive Board, which had accepted the invitation to hold its regular meeting with this district, and which convened at 9:30 a. m., April 6, 1904, in the parlors of the Knights of Pythias Hall, after the adjournment of the District convention.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pennybacker, Austin, the board voted to recommend "that the standing committee now known as Town Improvement Committee, be changed to Civics Committee, the president and the chairman to appoint such sub-committees as they may deem necessary." Upon motion of Mrs. William Christian, Houston, it was voted to authorize "the Printing Committee to add the two lines 'course of study' and 'special outside work' to the membership blanks now in use, which would complete the data necessary for a correct roster of clubs in each year-book."

Applications of three clubs were received and duly recommended for membership at the next annual meeting. An endorsement was given to the Colorado Cliff-Dwellers Association bill in the United States Congress,

whose object was to preserve these relics of ancient civilization, and letters to that effect were ordered sent to the Texas senators and representatives. The invitation of Mrs. Annie McLean Moores, member from Texas on the National Board of Lady Managers for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to the Biennial delegates from Texas to attend a luncheon given by the board, in May, 1904, was accepted on their behalf. The president also announced she had secured a Texas headquarters at the Odeon Theatre, St. Louis, where the seventh Biennial meetings were to be held.

The Lecture Committee recommended Mrs. Alonzo Millett of San Antonio, one of the sweetest singers of the South; also Mr. George McAdam of Fort Worth, in his lecture, "The Mission of the Beautiful"; also stated Miss Maria Daniels could again be secured for cooking demonstrations. The resolution as to Domestic Science Department in the State University was referred to the Education Committee to take action thereon, and report at the next meeting of the Executive Board. A scholarship in the literary department of Baylor University, Waco, was received, which had been secured by Mrs. Stayton Weldon of Cuero, presented by her to the Fifth District, and by the district to the Executive Board as a state scholarship. Education Committee also reported the gift of a two years' course in nursing in the Salome Hospital near Cuero, presented by Dr. J. H. Reuss of that institution. Resolutions of appreciation for these gifts were adopted.

Resolutions were presented upon the death of Mrs. J. D. Osborn, a member of the Executive Board of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs from its organization. These resolutions state "Mrs. Osborn, by her strong principle, beautiful spirit and unfailing tact, was of invaluable service to the club interests of Texas." Mrs. Osborn had been a delegate from the Magazine Club of Cleburne to Waco, at the organization of the Federation, and ever since her energy and loyalty had been undiminished.

It was decided on future programs to devote one entire session to music, "that the interest of the musical clubs may be sustained and their importance as a factor in our success be recognized."

Resolutions of thanks were adopted, evidencing the appreciation of the Executive Board for the hospitalities extended them by Cuero and its citizens, and the board adjourned, to meet at the annual convention in Houston. The visit to the Cuero Cotton Mills was one of great interest to the clubwomen, and is mentioned here, because it awakened the clubwomen to the realization that the child labor problem was present with them, and that Texas should begin at once to enact legislation which would protect the children, while not discouraging industrial development.

The Second District held its second annual meeting in McKinney, April 12 and 13, 1904. 32 delegates present out of 36 clubs in the district, besides numbers of visitors, showed the general interest in the meeting. The Third District held its third annual meeting on April 14, in Paris. Two past presidents, Mesdames Rotan and Pennybacker, were guests of honor in addition to Mrs. Turner. A resolution was adopted urging the General Federation to use its efforts in behalf of the preservation of Niagara Falls. The Fourth District convened in Marlin on April 19, for its third annual meeting. The First District met in Dublin on May 5 and 6 for its second annual meeting. Mesdames Rotan and Terrell, ex-presidents, as well as Mrs. Turner, participated in the meeting. The presiding officers of these districts in making their reports at the Houston convention, all emphasized the work done by the individual clubs for the St. Louis Exposition exhibits; contributions to the fund for the purchase of the Alamo, which the Daughters of the Republic were striving to buy from private parties; and the active interest in libraries and civic improvement. All the districts endorsed the establishment of Domestic Science in the State University.

The summer of 1904 was a memorable one in Federation annals. The Biennial meeting of the General Federation at St. Louis scheduled for the opening days of the big Exposition, together with the interest engendered in working for Texas' representation thereat, was a double magnet which drew many clubwomen to the big city on the banks of the Mississippi. Texas was exploited as to all of her resources, mineral, animal, vegetable, in the varied departments of the Exposition. But the state headquarters was dedicated to hospitality. Each member of the Board of Lady Commissioners served as hostess for a week, and many elegant receptions in honor of distinguished visitors, many recitals by talented Texas musicians and others under the accomplished leadership of Mrs. L. L. Jester of Corsicana, were given at the "Lone Star" building. Never a day passed without the comment from strangers: "We didn't dream you had such homes in Texas!" "We did not know you had such school buildings and libraries in Texas!" "We thought Texas was a wild country." And as the clubwomen had helped to this success, they are entitled to their share of the fruitage. A history of their work would be incomplete without some notice of what they did for Texas at St. Louis. In all the intervening years, Texas has been reaping the benefit of the women's plan to show that it was a good state to live in.

Mrs. Turner writes thus of the seventh Biennial of the General Federation: "The Biennial meeting of the General Federation, held in St. Louis about the time of the opening of the Exposition, drew a large delegation there of the strongest and most influential clubwomen of the state. Thirty Texas clubs joined the national organization at that time, which added strength to the determined purpose of securing a place on the National Board for one who had by example convinced the Texas women of her executive ability and great power of leadership. Mrs. W. A. Callaway,

recognized as the standard bearer of the Texas Federation, whose general knowledge of all departments of club work and acquaintance with prominent women of other states, eminently fitted her to serve on the national election committee, was chosen to represent our Texas delegation. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker's name was placed in nomination for treasurer of the General Federation. From the outset it was evident that the little woman with the 'big voice' from Texas was a popular candidate, and when her election was announced it was greeted with cheers and pressing congratulations from her many friends." * * * * *

Mrs. Turner, in her annual address delivered in Houston, November 15, 1904, says of this memorable summer: "From May till late October has been one long recess to a great number of usually active members. However, the summer spent in this way has not been a loss to us. Have we not seen the greatest of all Expositions and had opportunity of observing much of which we had only read before? We come back to our work richer in knowledge, richer in experience. We have come into close touch with other countries; we have studied their resources, arts, industries and educational methods. We have returned home full of new ideas, overawed at the comparisons in some respects with our own country and more than pleased in others. We are satisfied, at least, with our possibilities as a nation and will set to work to try to keep pace with the most enlightened. Our journey to more than forty foreign countries in one summer without leaving the United States was of itself a grand achievement, and what we have seen with our own eyes from the brush and chisel of the great masters can not fail to stimulate appreciation for the best in art, of which the Federation has been the exponent in this State."

Chronologically, this is the time to mention the honor bestowed upon Mrs. John B. Goodhue of Beaumont. The Waco Times-Herald, October 2, 1904, records Mrs. Goodhue's appointment as a member of the Program

Committee of the General Federation, which had in charge the program for the next Biennial to be held in St. Paul, Minn., in 1906. During this month, also, Mrs. Turner delivered an address at the annual convention of the Oklahoma-Indian Territory Federation.

Although the resolution had passed at Fort Worth that hereafter delegates were to arrange for their own sojourn at the conventions, the clubwomen of Houston were unanimous in requesting that this provision should not take effect until after the forthcoming convention, as they desired the privilege of "entertaining" the delegates once more. Hence Mrs. Fred F. Dexter and her able coadjutors were busy assigning guests for six weeks before the convention opened on November 15, 1904.

The Executive Board met in regular session in Houston, at 9 a. m., November 15, 1904, just prior to the opening of the Seventh Annual Convention, in Turner Hall. Referring to the resolution adopted at Fort Worth recommending the creation of Financial Secretary, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker presented the following resolution which was adopted: "Resolved, That it is the sentiment of the Executive Board that it is not now expedient to create a new office." Mrs. C. B. Stone was appointed to present to the Federation certain revisions of the by-laws made necessary by action of the Federation at its Fort Worth meeting.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was called to order at 2 p. m., November 15, 1904, in Turner Hall, Houston, Mrs. E. P. Turner, president, in the chair. After the invocation by Rev. S. R. Hay of Shearn Methodist Church welcomes were extended by Mayor A. L. Jackson for the city, Mrs. R. M. Hall for the City Federation, appropriate response thereto being delivered by Mrs. John B. Goodhue, Beaumont. Greetings from 14 states, from the Texas Woman's Press Association through the president, Mrs. James Madison Bass of Temple, from the Waco Times-Herald, Galveston-Dallas News, Fort

Worth Record through Mrs. Frank Brady, and San Antonio Express through Miss Marin Fenwick (these papers having women's club departments), were received with much applause.

The following clubs, having been recommended by the Executive Board, were admitted to membership: Pierian Club, Amarillo; Woman's Literary Club, Anderson; Mothers' Club of Bickler School, Austin; Woman's Reading Club, Center; XX Century Club, Corsicana; Optimistic Club, Cotulla; Shakespeare Club, Crockett; Industrial Department of the Dallas Free Kindergarten and Industrial Association, Dallas; New Century Club, Dallas; Agenda Club, Galveston; Woman's Improvement League, Houston; XX Century Club, Lampasas; Searchlight Club, Lampasas; Girls' Study Club, Lockhart; Woman's Wednesday Club, Midland; Stratford Club, Palestine; Carnation Club, Rockwall; Kidd-Key Shakespeare Club, Sherman; Zend Avesta Club, Timpson; Standard Club, Winsboro.

President's Evening, Tuesday, November 15, 1904, 8 p. m., was most interesting, including some brilliant musical numbers, the president's annual address, and an account of the Biennial at St. Louis by Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco, General Federation secretary. The poem by Mrs. Mary B. Saunders, dedicated to the clubwomen of Texas, which appears in the front of this book, was read upon this occasion, and later in the convention a rising vote of thanks was given the author. An address by the newly-elected president of the General Federation, Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker of Denver, Colorado, had place upon the program, but a delayed train prevented her arrival.

The session of Wednesday, November 16, opened promptly at 9:30 a. m. A largely attended Kindergarten Conference, presided over by Mrs. A. J. Roe of Fort Worth, had been held at 9 a. m. The minutes record this interruption of the routine business: "At this juncture, Mrs. Pennybacker, Austin, escorted to the stage Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker of Denver, who

was presented to the Federation by Mrs. Turner, and welcomed standing and with clapping of hands by delegates and visitors. Mrs. Decker acknowledged the courtesy in a few appropriate words, ere taking her seat on the platform."

Reports of the vice-presidents presiding over the five districts awakened the greatest interest, giving the actual accomplishments of the individual clubs in each district. A volume devoted to each district would fail to do full justice to the activities of the clubwomen, but only a meagre mention of them may be made: Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, fifth vice-president, presiding over the First District, reported "41 clubs, with membership over 1000; Fort Worth clubwomen purchased beautiful pictures for Carnegie Library; Department Club of Fort Worth furnished funds for music in the city park during the summer and supported day nursery; Colorado (Texas) Club gave aid to the public schools; Vernon Clubs had Miss Daniels, cooking demonstrator; many clubs had Miss Hassell and the Art Gallery." Mrs. John B. Pondrom, Sixth Vice-president, presiding over the Second District, reported: "17 cities and towns and 36 clubs; consensus of club reports showed each club actively engaged in one or more lines of work other than self-culture. Woman's Shakespeare Club and Ariel Club of Denton active in civic improvement. Nineteenth Century Club and Altotha Club of Pilot Point centered their efforts on their public school; Cleburne Magazine Club maintained a model school-room; Waxahachie Shakespeare Club established a Rest Cottage. Texas exhibit at St. Louis, traveling art gallery, libraries and civics each held prominent place in the work of the clubs." Mrs. Fred Fleming, Fourth Vice-president, presiding over the Third District, reported: "40 clubs, membership of 878; Clarksville Civic Improvement Club reports beautifying school grounds and Court House Park, furnished rest-room in school building and improved sanitation; Terrell Carnegie, Long-

view Shakespeare, Marshall Shakespeare and Greenville Standard, give special effort to library work, the latter pays librarian; Terrell Saint Cecilia Club gives public recitals and open air concerts; Corsicana Pierian, Honey Grove Shakespeare, and Marshall Sesame enthusiastic over school grounds, library, domestic science and art; Terrell Pierian busy with library effort and magazine distribution; Corsicana XIX. Century, Kaufman Clover and Jefferson '81, with civic beauty and humane work; Kemp Woman's Wednesday Club maintains a club library; the Palestine Self-Culture Club and Clarksville New Century Club are working for public library; Corsicana New Era, Tyler Quid Nunc, Ladonia Southern Literary, Paris Twentieth Century Clubs work for civic improvement; Mexia Friday Afternoon, Greenville Pallas and Tyler First Literary Clubs interested in library and civics; Ennis Sesame in park improvements and rest-room and music. Mrs. W. S. Banks, Second Vice-president, presiding over Fourth District, reported general conditions excellent in her district, the clubs active along library, art and civic lines. Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Third Vice-president, presiding over the Fifth District, confined her report to a detailed account of the District meeting at Cuero with its feast of inspiration to the clubwomen of the largest district, geographically, delivered in talk, addresses and discussions. The president announced the committee on Resolutions: Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Standard Club, Longview; Mrs. K. L. Lovejoy, Owl Club, McKinney; Mrs. Georgia Stenger, Magazine Club, Dallas.

Wednesday afternoon's session had on its program the interesting topics Ethics and the Home by Miss Pauline Inez Buck of Palestine, Industrial Work As a Reformer by Mrs. Frank A. Brady of Fort Worth, and an excellent address by Mr. George McAdam of Fort Worth on The Mission of the Beautiful. Mr. McAdam's address was much appreciated and he was awarded a rising vote of thanks at its close. The report of the Civics Committee showed earnest efforts to provide

police matrons in the cities of Texas, San Antonio having successfully accomplished this purpose, Dallas and Houston having taken the first steps. A majority of the smaller towns had started their civic work with "Clean-up" campaigns, and the clubs of Honey Grove, Clarksville, Seguin, Corpus Christi, Vernon, Paris, Denton, Victoria, Bowie, San Marcos, all reported much progress in this direction.

Wednesday evening was given over to a concert by representatives from the musical clubs belonging to the Federation. This concert, arranged by the state music committee, Mrs. W. F. Beers, Galveston, chairman, inaugurated the musical evenings which have since become one of the most eagerly looked-forward-to and one of the most highly appreciated of Federation yearly events. Music had always had a place on the convention programs, but the resolution at Cuero to have one entire session devoted to the music clubs of the Federation, aroused new interest in membership in the Federation on the part of these clubs, and stimulated the development of home talent, as will be seen later in these records. Because another step forward had been taken in the Federation progress, the names of these appearing on this memorable evening program are preserved. Misses Adam of Weatherford and Robertson of Temple, rendered two musical numbers; Miss Nadine Spoonts of Fort Worth, a violin solo, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. E. B. Parker of Houston. Mrs. George Reid of Galveston sang and Mrs. Friedrich Cahoon of Temple rendered a violin solo. These completed the musical numbers. Dr. W. S. Sutton of the State University delivered an address on Education and Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker thrilled the large audience with her delayed, but none the less brilliant, talk on Is Federation Worth While? At the conclusion of the program, the delegates and visiting clubwomen accepted the invitation of the Houston Post to see a city newspaper in the making, arrangements having been made to start the presses earlier than usual for their

benefit. Thus many of the clubwomen had the unique pleasure of reading an account of the evening's events ere going to bed.

Thursday morning, November 17, an enthusiastic Library Conference was held at 9 a. m., presided over by Mrs. Reese Wilson of Lockhart, First Vice-president and chairman of the Library Committee. At 9:30 a. m. the regular sessions were resumed. Some important measures of this session were, as recorded in official minutes: "Motion by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Austin, that the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs place itself on record as favoring a formal, dignified announcement of women who are willing to allow their names to be used as candidates for office." After being generally discussed, this motion carried. The report of the Educational Committee presented through Mrs. C. B. Stone of Galveston, chairman, elicited much interest, especially in the scholarships tendered to the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, now numbering 12, as follows: "One each in departments of literature and music in Baylor Female College, Belton; one in literature, Southwestern University, Georgetown; one in music, Baylor University, Waco; St. Mary's College, Dallas, one scholarship, including tuition and board, for four years, the gift of Bishop Garrett; one in Fort Worth Kindergarten Training School; one each in literature and art, Fort Worth University; Patton Seminary, Oak Cliff, one for two years in literature; one in Salome Hospital Training School for Nurses; Carr-Burdette College at Sherman, one each in literature and bookkeeping. The Woman's Club of San Antonio has created two scholarships in the Medical College of the State University; one, the 'Isabella Brackenridge', is perpetual, the other given for one year; Miss Linda Paine of Lufkin has again been appointed to the Federation scholarship in the State University." Regents of the University were petitioned to install a department of Domestic Science, but were unable to do so at present, because of lack of funds. At the conclusion of the

report a scholarship in the Dallas Kindergarten Training School for the Junior year was presented by the Dallas Free Kindergarten and Industrial Association through Mrs. J. C. Weaver. "The Quid Nunc Club of Tyler, through its delegate, Mrs. John Wright, presented a scholarship in the Tyler Business College." Both gifts were accepted with thanks.

"Motion by Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler, that the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs endorse the movement inaugurated by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for the purchase of the Alamo by the state; and that each clubwoman promise to request the representatives of her county and the senators from her senatorial district, to further the success of this patriotic measure." Topics at this session were: The Value of a Kindergarten to a Community, by Mrs. J. C. Weaver, Dallas; Extension of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan, and The Girls' Industrial College of Denton, Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler.

At 2 p. m. the convention was called to order and listened to the important report of the Library Committee. Mrs. Reese Wilson told what had been done in preparation for an active legislative campaign in January, in behalf of a State Library Commission. A circular letter had been issued inviting the clubs to join the State Library Association. 60 clubs responded, and their dues provided funds with which a Library Handbook had been issued, listing all the libraries in Texas and containing a copy of the proposed bill for a State Library Commission, to be presented to the next legislature. Colonel Wooldridge of Austin, president of the State Library Association, was then introduced, and answered the clubwomen's queries, in the friendly discussion which followed, as to the ways and means of securing the passage of the Library Commission bill. \$150.00 was raised by voluntary donations of clubs and individuals for printing copies of this bill to be distributed over the state and sent the legislators. That the

clubwomen of Texas had been achieving much in another direction, was shown in the report of the Art Committee, Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris, chairman. For the six months, January to June, 1904, the Traveling Art Gallery had visited 95 cities and towns, and been visited by thousands, who had listened to the talk about the pictures given by Miss Roxie Hassell, the personal conductor. With surprise, the clubwomen learned that the recent Biennial had disclosed the fact that while many states were sending out collections of pictures and reproductions of the best artists under Federation auspices, Texas had the only conductor traveling with the gallery, and adding so much to its educational value. The subject this year was "Italian Art" from the "Gothic Period, through the Renaissance to the Period of Decadence." The committee had also prepared a carefully worked out syllabus on the topic and a "suggestive program," so that clubs so desiring could study about the pictures before the visit of the gallery. Following the report, Mrs. Emma Richardson Cherry gave a talk on art to the delegates and visitors. A motion to amend Article IX of the By-Laws, changing the parliamentary manual used, was withdrawn and a substitute motion of Mrs. Pennybacker, "that a committee of three be appointed to examine into this matter of the best authority on parliamentary usage and report at next meeting," was carried. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. E. P. Turner of the Texas and Pacific Railway for the fine map of Texas giving boundary lines of districts, in the Federation year-book.

Thursday evening was occupied by Prof. S. H. Clark of Chicago University with a lecture, Spirit of Literature, which was tendered free to the citizens of Houston by the Federation and enjoyed by a large audience. This bringing a distinguished speaker from a distance to prove a source of inspiration to the town entertaining the Federation marked another epoch in the history of this body.

Friday morning, a called meeting of the Executive

Board was held at 8:30 o'clock, when a motion carried to the effect that the recording secretary furnish a copy of all the minutes of this convention to each member of the Executive Board and each chairman of a standing committee. The invitation of Corsicana to hold the mid-year meeting of the Executive Board in that city, was accepted.

The closing session of the Federation began at 9 a. m., Friday, November 18. Motion of Mrs. Reese Wilson of Lockhart, that "no candidate's name for any office should be formally announced earlier than two months prior to election," was "carried unanimously." Mrs. C. B. Stone, Galveston, presented amendments to the By-Laws, recommended by the Executive Board for adoption. "That Article III, Section 2, of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the word 'entertained,' making the same read, 'No club shall be entitled to have a delegate at the annual meeting, whose application, etc.' Reasons for the change: that the By-Laws may be made to conform with the expression of the will of the Federation, as shown by resolution adopted in convention at Fort Worth in regard to the entertainment of delegates; the word 'entertained' suggesting that entertainment is expected by delegates." Adopted. To amend Article IV, Section 1, by changing latter clause to read: "Dues for the ensuing year must be paid two months before the annual state meeting." To amend Article VII, Section 1, making "Special Committee on Kindergarten" "Standing Committee of the Federation." To further amend Article VII, Section 1, so as to read: "There shall be fourteen standing committees." Adopted.

Resolutions of regret for the death of Mrs. J. D. Osborn, Cleburne, as passed by the Executive Board at Cuero, were presented to the convention and unanimously adopted, by a silent, rising vote.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board two new clubs, the Shakespeare Club of Jacksonville,

and the Athenian Club of Winsboro, were admitted to membership at this session.

Two important resolutions brought in by the committee were: "Resolved, That we endorse the work of the Girls' Industrial College at Denton, and pledge ourselves to its support. We request our legislature to continue toward it a spirit of liberal appropriation until it shall be fully equipped for the great work in which it is engaged, and especially do we direct attention to the urgent need of a girls' dormitory in connection with this institution." Adopted. "Resolved, That the clubwomen of Texas will join the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, in placing the Texas flag in every school of the state to be raised by the Little Patriots on Texas holidays." Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Seguin. Adopted. The committee also presented the appreciation of the assembled clubwomen for all hospitalities extended, and the following personal resolution to the president of the General Federation: "Resolved, That we thank our national president, Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, for the charm of her presence, and her sturdy words of encouragement; by which we have been benefited and inspired, trusting that the five thousand clubwomen of the Lone Star State have shown to her in their sessions the noble ideals towards which we are directed and the womanly way in which we attack them." Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Standard Club, Longview, Chairman; Mrs. J. L. Lovejoy, Owl Club, McKinney; Mrs. Georgia Stenger, Magazine Club, Dallas. The above resolutions of thanks were adopted by a rising vote. Mrs. Pennybacker, Austin, moved that the few remaining minutes left before final adjournment, be given to Mrs. Decker for a few words of farewell. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Decker came to the platform amid great applause. She expressed the genuine pleasure the visit had given her; she said, in words to this effect: "I am heartily glad for your sakes that the resolution for biennial meetings of your Federation has been defeated. Your state is so large. You need the encouragement of

annual meetings yet. I hope you will go on until the five thousand clubwomen become ten thousand. Let each one bring in one other clubwoman." Mrs. Decker urged the clubwomen to maintain their high ideals, thanked them for their hospitality, and said goodbye. The convention closed at 11 a. m. Friday, with a short business session, the State Library Association convening in annual meeting immediately upon adjournment of the Federation, and many of the delegates remained in attendance.

Houston continued the luncheon feature so enjoyed at other conventions, serving the delegates, visiting clubwomen and hostesses each day in the balcony dining-room at Turner Hall. One day was given over to pleasure, including a visit to the new and handsomely equipped Carnegie Library, from 2 to 3 p. m., a drive around the city from 3 to 5 p. m., then a stop for a cup of tea and informal reception at the beautiful home of Dr. W. R. Eckhardt, the day closing with a brilliant and formal reception at the Elks' club-rooms, participated in by the citizens.

These changes in the official Federation family are to be noted at this time: Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi, chairman of Civics; Mrs. W. W. Lipscomb, San Antonio, chairman of Household Economics, former chairmen having resigned.

As the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs had been subscribing through individual clubs to the fund being raised by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for purchasing the Alamo property, it is fitting to note here that Miss Clara Driscoll of San Antonio, a member of the D. R. T., with rare patriotism, pledged her private fortune of \$75,000 to purchase this property for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. On February 10, 1904, a deed to this Alamo property was made to her in exchange for her notes and cash to the amount of the purchase price, less \$6000 raised by the D. R. T. and the clubwomen. A bill to purchase this property by the state was introduced into the Texas legislature,

in 1905. "The bill passed the house January 23, the senate January 24, and was signed by the governor January 26, 1905." (Proceedings of D. R. T. at La Grange, Texas, April 20 and 21, 1905.) The D. R. T. had paid a total of \$10,000 to Miss Driscoll, and the state appropriated \$65,000, thus repaying the principal; this noble woman refused to profit in the way of interest for advancing her fortune to keep the property out of the hands of speculators. The title to this Alamo property is now vested in the state.

In the spring of 1905, the district meetings were held with great enthusiasm, under the following schedules: The Fifth District at Lockhart, April 25 and 26, Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell of Seguin, presiding; the Second District at Waxahachie, May 8 and 9, Mrs. J. B. Pondrom of Pilot Point, presiding; the Fourth District at Nacogdoches, May 9 and 10, with Mrs. W. S. Banks of Temple in the chair; the Third District in Corsicana, May 3, Mrs. Fred Fleming of Corsicana in the chair; the First District met in Gainesville, with Mrs. E. E. Bramlette of Stephenville presiding, on May 23, 24 and 25. All of these meetings were well attended, had well-arranged programs, and delegates showed much enthusiasm in reporting club activities. Features of interest were: In Waxahachie, the meetings were held in the Sims Library; in Lockhart in the Clark Library, monuments to the generosity of two prominent citizens of their respective towns. In Nacogdoches, the ruins of the Old Stone Fort, connected with early historic events of Texas, awakened much interest. Corsicana had the mid-year meeting of the State Executive Board. Reports from individual clubs given at these meetings, showed greater momentum added to library interests, the forging ahead of civic improvement; active study of the juvenile court idea, and the establishment of kindergartens. Instead of the club causing women to neglect homes and children, the reports showed that the club had sent its ideas into the home and the school, where the necessity existed for better conditions—and

the clubwomen were giving time and energy to supplying them.

The Executive Board convened on May 4, 1905, the day after the Third District meeting in Corsicana, and was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. P. Turner. State chairmen of the standing committees made report of work done since the last convention. Mrs. M. L. Bixler of Orange, chairman, requested, on behalf of the Reciprocity Committee, that the lists of club-papers available for exchange, be hereafter omitted from the Federation year-book, on account of growth of the work and changes in the list. Mrs. C. B. Stone of Galveston, chairman of Education Committee, asked co-operation of clubwomen in assigning the following scholarships now owned by the Federation: Two in Fort Worth University, one in Southwestern University at Georgetown, two in Baylor College at Belton, one in Fort Worth Kindergarten Training School, one in St. Mary's College at Dallas, one in Patton Seminary at Oak Cliff, one in Salome Hospital Training School for Nurses at Cuero, one in Baylor University at Waco, two in Carr-Burdette College at Sherman. "Mrs. Pennybacker made the suggestion that the date upon which these scholarships would be awarded should be published widely in the columns of the press that all Texas girls might know of these opportunities. Mrs. Stone added to her previous report a verbal account of the high degree of excellence maintained by the present beneficiaries." 11 clubs applying for admission were recommended by the Executive Board. The treasurer was authorized to pay Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, treasurer of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, \$53.00 dues for the 212 Texas federated clubs. A motion was carried to have the treasurer of the Texas Federation receive all dues accompanying applications of new clubs, and hold same in trust, until the Federation meeting at which said clubs were elected to membership. The Art Committee's report showed the Traveling Art Gallery, with its conductor, Miss Roxie

Hassell, had visited 79 clubs, traveled 7000 miles through the state. As the Traveling Art Gallery showed a deficit in its financial report, the question arose as to continuing it for another year. Mrs. Fred Fleming, as the chairman under whom it was inaugurated, plead earnestly for the support of the traveling art collection for another year, completing the four years' course in art outlined for the clubs and citizens of Texas. It was decided to place the needs of the Art Gallery before the clubs at the annual meeting. Mrs. S. J. Wright of Paris, the chairman, was instructed to arrange for the collection and itinerary of the Traveling Art Gallery, for the year 1905-1906. "Mrs. Dibrell, along the lines of the History Committee's work, made an explanation of the circular sent out by her in regard to the teaching of patriotism in the schools, and getting the children interested in the formation of Little Patriot societies of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, whose efforts were endorsed by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs."

The president called the attention of the clubwomen to the recognition cards which could be obtained from her on application, and urged the pleasure and profit to be secured from the possession of these courtesy cards, which opened the doors of all federated clubs to those carrying them.

The recording secretary, Mrs. William Christian, called the attention of the Executive Board to the condition of the archives of the Texas Federation. Records and reports were in loose manuscript form, and she recommended their being put into shape for permanent preservation. The Executive Board authorized the secretary to ascertain the cost of having this work done. A letter was read from Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, asking the Executive Board to consider "recommending the placing of the state standing committees in harmony with the standing committees of the General Federation in names and duties." Upon motion of Mrs. Pennybacker, the president was authorized to appoint

tee of three to investigate more fully Mrs. dea, and to report at the next meeting of the Board. Mrs. C. B. Stone, Mrs. Eli Hertz, Mrs. Fred Fleming were appointed. After expressing thanks to the people of Corsicana for their pleasant hospitality, the Board adjourned to meet in Austin, November 20, 1905.

The Executive Board was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. P. Turner, in the Regents' room, University of Texas, at 8 p. m., November 20, 1905. 21 additional clubs were recommended to the Federation for admission to membership. Mrs. William Christian of Houston presented to the Federation through the Executive Board, a locked box, fitted up for the safe and systematic keeping of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs' records which was accepted with a vote of thanks. It is interesting to note the minutes record "a request from the Y. W. C. A. of the University that Miss Batchelor, their director, be permitted time to present the claims of that organization." This request was granted, showing how the endorsement of the club-women was being sought along various lines of uplift. Mrs. M. L. Bixler, Orange, reported for the Reciprocity Committee, that she had collected approximately 500 magazine articles valuable to the study clubs, which she would like to present to the Federation, if that body would pledge itself to their preservation. Mrs. C. B. Stone spoke of some of the difficulties confronting the Education Committee, and suggested "that a wide field was open for the philanthropist or organization that would create an endowment fund, out of which worthy and needy students could borrow money to pay their board while pursuing their studies. No action was taken upon either of these premises, beyond a general recommendation that the attention of the new administration be called to these matters."

The Executive Board met at 9 a. m. in the Regents' room of the University, November 21, 1905. Mrs. C. W. Connery of Fort Worth, presented the report of the

Music Committee in the absence of the chairman. This report contained the excellent recommendations that "every club in the state should include music in its programs"; that an incentive be given to work along musical lines by searching out the latent talent in towns and giving home concerts with a small admission fee; that one entire day in the annual convention be devoted to music, to stimulate the formation of musical clubs." Mrs. Pennybacker made the following motion which was carried: "I move that the Board recommend to the Federation its hearty approval of Mrs. Decker's plan for union of committee work." Adjournment was taken to November 22, 4:30 p. m.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was called to order promptly at 10:30 o'clock, November 21, 1905, in the auditorium of the Texas University at Austin, with the president, Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas, presiding. Addresses of welcome were given by Governor S. W. T. Lanham, Hon. W. D. Shelley, Mayor of Austin; Hon. David F. Houston, President of the University; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker for the clubwomen. Response was made by Mrs. E. L. Stephens, Fort Worth, after which the Colorado State Federation extended greetings through its president, Mrs. Harry E. Churchill. The following 32 clubs, having been recommended favorably by the Executive Board (11 clubs at Corsicana, 21 clubs at Austin), were admitted to Federation membership: Young Ladies' Literary Club, Austin; Hyperian Club, Big Spring; Ladies' Tuesday Literary Club, Brady; Woman's Department Club, Coleman; History Club, Dallas; Shakespeare Followers, Dallas; Ladies' Musicale Club, Dallas; Twentieth Century Club, Daingerfield; Juvenile Protective Association, Galveston; Ladies of the Leaf, Granger; Current Literature Club, Houston; Houston Civic Club, Houston; Houston Heights Literary Club, Houston Heights; Woman's Reading Club, Kountze; Shakespeare Club, Nacogdoches; Dixie Club, Palestine; 1904 Club, Quanah;

Mothers' Club of Austin School, San Antonio; Mothers' Club of Bonham School, San Antonio; Mothers' Club of Bowie School, San Antonio; Mothers' Club of Brackenridge School, San Antonio; Mothers' Club of Eleanor Brackenridge School, San Antonio; Mothers' Club of Crockett School, San Antonio; Mothers' Club of Milam School, San Antonio; Mothers Club of Ruiz School, San Antonio; Mothers' Club of Travis School, San Antonio; Tuesday Musical Club, San Antonio; Brackenridge Club, San Marcos; College Hill Literary Club, Sherman; Shakespeare Club, Smithville; Junior Bronte Club, Victoria; Civic League, Wichita Falls.

At the afternoon session, the reports of the five State Vice-presidents, presiding officers of their respective districts, were presented, giving a resume of the progress of the clubs as brought out at the district meetings. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin, presented the work of the General Federation, and Mrs. John B. Goodhue, Beaumont, member of the Program Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, talked of the program prepared for the next Biennial to be held at St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1906. Greetings had been received from 45 states and territories, besides the General Federation president, and this evidence of neighborly interest was received with applause. The Club Extension Committee's report presented the pertinent question, How have you gone about forming an alliance between the two great powers, the town woman and the country woman? The recommendation was made that each town club should have a club extension committee, which should help in the organization of rural clubs. The state committee had endeavored to enlist the district school teachers in forming Mothers' Clubs, Farm and Garden clubs—"in short, any kind of club that tends to the uplift of the community," and to add to its social life. The topic, How the Club Movement May be Made General and Extended to Villages and Communities, was conducted as a symposium by Mrs. Cone Johnson of Tyler, under the following sub-heads:

The Great Importance of the Club Movement Being Made General and Extended Into the Country Communities, handled by Mrs. J. B. Dibrell of Seguin; Are There Any Insurmountable Objections or Reasons Why This Should Not be Done? by Mrs. John B. Goodhue of Beaumont; The Tactful Way to Inaugurate This Movement, by Mrs. Rosa Fountain Howell of Bryan; How This May Best be Done, and What Character of Clubs May be First Introduced? by Mrs. Cone Johnson, closed the discussion. An open discussion, following the report of the Reciprocity Committee when presented by its chairman, Mrs. M. L. Bixler, of Orange, brought out the usefulness of the exchange of papers and magazine articles between clubs beyond the reach of reference libraries.

President's Evening was held November 21, 1905, at 8:15 p. m., Mrs. Reese Wilson, Lockhart, First Vice-president, presiding. Besides musical numbers, the program included the president's annual address, a practical talk upon Juvenile Courts by Judge G. P. Webb of Sherman, and an address by Mrs. Harry Churchill, President Colorado State Federation of Women's Clubs. This program showed plainly that the clubwomen were preparing to give Texas a juvenile court system, and were educating public sentiment to demand this reform.

The minutes state that the following ladies served on the Convention Committees: "Rules and Regulations—Mrs. John M. Key, Brenham, chairman; Mrs. James Armstrong, Jefferson; Mrs. George Kretch, Longview. Resolutions—Mrs. Fred B. Robinson, Waco, chairman; Miss Pauline Buck, Palestine; Mrs. P. C. Coleman, Colorado. Transportation—Mrs. Clint Cummins, Ennis, chairman; Mrs. Anabel Buford, Belton; Mrs. M. B. Houston, Gonzales. Committee on Nominations—Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan, chairman; Mrs. Luther Clark, Oak Cliff; Mrs. W. W. Lipscomb, Crockett. Credentials Committee—Mrs. Randolph Paine, Dallas, chairman; Mrs. Lily Franks Levi, Marlin; Mrs. C. L.

Bradford, Bonham; Miss Lou Williford, Seguin." Mrs. J. A. Stockton, Bartlett, served as treasurer pro tem.

The program of the morning session of Wednesday, November 23, opened with a Library Conference in the Athenaeum Room of the University at 9 a. m., followed by the regular session at 9:30 a. m. in the auditorium. Libraries, music, art, lectures, reciprocity work were considered at this time. The reports of the music, art and reciprocity committees, with their respective recommendations as given to the Executive Board, were adopted by the assembly. Two notable addresses were Benefits of Co-Operation of Music Clubs by Mrs. Lortah K. Stanbery of Fort Worth and Value of Public Libraries to the Free School by Mrs. Mary Herndon Gray of Tyler. The latest move of the Library Committee in educating public sentiment in favor of proposed Library legislation was the compilation of a "Hand Book of Texas Libraries" in conjunction with the State Library Association. The committee requested permission to solicit one dollar from each club towards paying for these books, which was granted by vote of the Federation.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Kindergarten Conference was held, followed by the Educational Session over which Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone presided. Notable addresses were What We Have Done to Improve Our County Schools, by Superintendent Carl Hartman of Travis County; Maintenance of Higher Education, by Hon. Clarence Ousley of Fort Worth, and Compulsory Education by Mrs. James C. Burney of Fort Worth. Mothers' Clubs was the topic of Mrs. Eli Hertzberg of San Antonio. Such clubs were just being formed to prove their value to teachers and parents and the club-women were intensely interested in Mrs. Hertzberg's exposition of this subject. Following the report of Household Economics Committee, was a discussion on Pure Food Laws, Good Lunches for School Children, Art of Serving Dinner. Mrs. Cree T. Work, wife of the president of the Girls' Industrial School at Denton,

read a paper on Rational Education for Future Home Makers.

Thursday was devoted to hospitality and that personal interchange of ideas so important a factor of the yearly Federation meetings. Beginning at 9:30 a. m., carriages conveyed the clubwomen on a visit to the Capitol, state institutions, and the studio of the noted sculptor, Elizabet Ney. From 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. a brilliant reception was held in the Governor's Mansion by Mrs. S. W. T. Lanham in honor of the delegates and visiting clubwomen. The day closed with an intellectual feast at the University auditorium, when Mrs. S. S. Frackelton of Chicago gave a lecture and demonstration of *The Potter's Wheel*; the University Glee Club rendered musical selections, and Miss Lelias Simon of Tyler gave a dramatic reading of the Book of Ruth. Other social occasions to be noted were the reception on Wednesday evening given by the Ladies' University Club in the Woman's Building, the sorority tea at the Pi Beta Phi chapter house and the daily luncheon at Protection Hall served by the City Federation of Women's Clubs.

The first business of the morning session, Friday, November 24, was the adoption of the following report on the letter of Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, General Federation president, presented by Mrs. C. B. Stone of Galveston: "Your committee appointed to consider the suggestions of our President General in regard to a uniformity of work of standing committees in each State Federation of Women's Clubs, in order that harmony should prevail in all club effort, begs to report that it is the recommendation of our Executive Board that our standing committees, as now organized, can be made to embrace all of the duties along the line suggested by Mrs. Decker, and that no addition to the list of standing committees of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will be necessary for the purpose of co-operation with the General Federation, and that with small changes of name, more clearly defining the

scope of duties of the committees, this work can be adjusted and thus full co-operation may be had with the General Federation in all methods for educational, civic and social betterment. Cornelia Branch Stone, chairman; Mrs. Fred Fleming, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, Committee." Mrs. Emma A. Fox's Manual of Parliamentary Law was adopted by the Texas Federation as its authority on that subject. The Civic Session, presided over by the chairman, Mrs. G. R. Scott of Corpus Christi, opened with the report of the committee. This report showed earnest efforts to provide police matrons in the cities of Texas, San Antonio having successfully accomplished this purpose, Dallas and Houston having taken the first steps. A majority of the smaller towns had started their civic work with "clean-up" campaigns, and the clubs of Honey Grove, Clarksville, Seguin, Corpus Christi, Vernon, Paris, Denton, Victoria, Bowie and San Marcos all reported much progress in this direction. Although the Juvenile Court bill presented to the last legislature had failed of passage, the clubwomen were urged to renewed effort to accomplish this civic reform. The Need of More Humane Treatment for Juvenile Offenders was handled by Mrs. H. A. Landes of Galveston. The History Committee was then given its place on the program, as Professor Garrison, occupying the chair of History in the University, could be present at this hour and speak to the clubwomen. Professor Garrison then called attention to the status of Texas' historical records and urged a movement for their better preservation. The report of the History Committee was full of interest. The chairman had used every endeavor to stimulate interest in history studies, especially that of Texas. A circular letter was sent out, urging each district to have on its program a paper on the local history of the town and county where district convention was held. The day the bill for the purchase of the Alamo was signed by the governor, an enthusiastic letter was received from Mrs. Turner, suggesting *that a suitable celebration of this event should be held.*

To quote: "Miss DeZavala immediately sought and obtained an interview with Mr. R. B. Cousins, state superintendent of education, asking him to co-operate with us in calling the attention of the schools to the importance of celebrating the passage of the Alamo mission purchase bill, in connection with the usual celebration of Texas Independence on March second. Programs prepared by me, as well as circular letters addressed to the clubwomen on the same subject, were published in the leading newspapers, and as a result there was a very general celebration of the Alamo purchase throughout Texas. The response to the suggestion that the clubwomen see that national and state flags are raised over Texas school houses has been very encouraging and I am sure that there has been more bunting used this year than ever before in the history of the country." The report showed on hand "of the 'Course of Texas History from the Earliest Times to Annexation' 28 copies; of 'Short Courses in American and Texas History,' prepared by the history committee of 1901-1903, Mrs. J. M. Bass, chairman, 8 copies, and of the 'Outlines of General History,' prepared 1900-1901, Mrs. Andrew Mills, chairman, 8 copies." 31 clubs have embodied a special Texas Day (March 2) program in their year-books, while many school houses have been presented with the national and Texas flags, in response to suggestions of this committee. Miss Adina DeZavala read a paper on Why Texas May Be Proud of Her History. A motion by Mrs. Willie D. House of Waco, was carried, that copies of the programs prepared by the History Committee, and of club year-books should be sent to the town libraries of Texas in order that the libraries might be better prepared to select and recommend reference books. Resuming the Civic Session, Mrs. J. C. Roberts of Dallas told of the Status of Women Under the Laws of Texas. This address revealed such a state of affairs concerning woman's legal position in Texas that then and there a movement started which persevered for years, until

some glaring injustices were removed from the statutes of Texas. Mrs. F. A. Tompkins of Pilot Point, chairman, gave the report on Parks and Playgrounds. Mrs. William Christian of Houston opened the discussion on the report, with The Value of Parks and Playgrounds in the Formation of Character. Mrs. Tompkins handled the topic of Municipal Art in the absence of the leader thereof. The amendment to the constitution, making chairmen of standing committees members of the Executive Board, was then presented to the convention, and after considerable discussion was lost. This action having been taken, upon motion of Mrs. Elizabeth Strong Tracy of Houston, the resolution passed at Fort Worth relative to this matter, now in conflict with the constitution, was ordered expunged from the minutes.

Resolutions upon the death of President William L. Prather of the University were read. The convention rose and stood in silence as a tribute to this gifted man and in recognition of his "high ideals of citizenship, integrity, Christian manhood, and earnest devotion to duty, of which he was ever the most steadfast exponent."

The Executive Board held its last meeting at 1:15 p. m., Friday, November 24. Calling Mrs. Reese Wilson of Lockhart, First Vice-president, to the chair, Mrs. Turner thanked the members of the board for their loyalty and support, and presented each member, in token of remembrance, with a copy of Emerson's Essays, with the owner's name gold-lettered on each volume.

Re-assembling at 2 p. m., the convention accepted a cordial invitation to hold its ninth annual meeting in El Paso. The Credential Committee made its final report, stating 174 delegates and 10 officers present and qualified to vote. Important resolutions adopted by the body, after hearing the report of the Resolutions Committee, were: "Recognizing the importance of club extensions into the counties and rural districts of

Texas, believing it would solve the problem that confronts the traveling library and art gallery in their effort to reach the people and promote higher education and character building; therefore, be it Resolved, That every club in the Federation appoint a committee on Club Extension whose duty it shall be to devise ways and means to organize and bring into the Federation one club at least in the county of said club, giving such aid and support needed until thoroughly initiated into the work of the Federation." Signed, Mrs. Margaret L. Watson of Galveston. "Resolved by the Ladies' Reading Club of Houston, Texas, that we denounce the so-called system of hazing prevalent in institutions of learning in the United States, and we would urge women's clubs throughout our country to utter their protest against this barbarous custom, by petitioning Congress to legislate against all practices of the kind, making them penal offenses where injuries result, whether inflicted upon freshmen entering college or candidates for initiation into fraternities. We are moved to this action not only from humanitarian sentiments in general, but also because many of our clubwomen are mothers of boys who are about to enter college, but fears for their safety act as a check on realizing our parental ambitions." Signed, The Ladies' Reading Club of Houston. "Believing that the moral welfare of the state will be greatly promoted by the enactment of legislation regulating the care, treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children, such as was proposed by the bill which failed of passage at the last legislature, therefore, be it Resolved, by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention assembled, that we approve the measure embodied in said bill, as revised and redrafted by the special committee of the house, and hereby petition the legislature to pass such a law; and be it further Resolved, That upon the assembling of the next legislature, a copy of this resolution be transmitted thereto. Be it further Resolved,

That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs recommend to each club in the Federation that they give at least one session of the year's work to this subject, to be an open session to which the citizens, both men and women, shall be invited." Signed, Mrs. H. A. Landes, Juvenile Protective Association of Galveston. "Resolved, That it be a part of the year's work of each club in this Federation to make known to the people of its community the acts of our College of Industrial Arts and the work being accomplished therein. Copies of the College Bulletin, which is published every three months, will be sent all secretaries for this purpose." Signed, Mrs. C. T. Work, Denton.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler; First Vice-president, Mrs. Olga Kohlberg, El Paso; Second Vice-president, Mrs. M. L. Bixler, Orange; Third Vice-president, Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris; Fourth Vice-president, Mrs. A. B. Storey, Lockhart; Fifth Vice-president, Mrs. T. W. Wiley, McKinney; Sixth Vice-president, Mrs. B. G. Bidwell, Weatherford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John W. Wright, Tyler; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Howell, Bryan; Treasurer, Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham; Auditor, Mrs. P. C. Coleman, Colorado City.

With the customary introduction of the newly-elected officers to the assembly, the fourth administration of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs passed into history, with garnered memories of one of the most inspiring conventions of its career, brought to a successful culmination by the combined efforts of all the citizens of the state's capital city.

Mrs. E. P. Turner has loyally and faithfully supported the aims of the Texas Federation, serving in various official positions since her term as president expired. Her special work, however, has been the organization and upbuilding of the Dallas Woman's Forum, which, through its various departments, has been a big factor in the city's progress. Mrs. Turner has been its only president from its inception. The

Woman's Forum is a member of both the State and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and through its activities Dallas has a Juvenile Court and a Detention Home for juvenile offenders. The Forum also inaugurated the movement and later established the Dallas County Industrial Home for Wayward Girls and lent its valuable aid to the establishment of the Texas Girls' Industrial Home. "Not only does the Woman's Forum take an active interest in everything pertaining to the city's welfare in a social, civic, philanthropic and religious way and lends its practical aid to everything for the civic beautification and moral uplift of the city of Dallas, but each year of its existence it has brought to Dallas at its own expense such attractions as lecturers, artists and musicians of national renown. To these entertainments the public has been invited free of charge, thus stimulating a desire for the good, the true and the beautiful." Thus Mrs. Turner has been a specialist in work for Dallas and the Forum, the nucleus around which patriotic work for the community centers. It is interesting to recall also, that Mrs. Turner was one of the first women in Texas to serve on a School Board of Trustees.

CHAPTER VI.

THE FIFTH ADMINISTRATION
1905—1907.

"There remains now no doubt that the club movement has been a tremendous force for good in all directions in which it has labored. * * * We have aided tremendously in broadening and strengthening woman's rightful conception of her true mission and in giving her a clearer and broader outlook."

—Mrs. Cone Johnson in her annual address at Waco, November 19, 1907.—

"Mrs. Johnson with her quiet dignity and speech full of sincere appreciation for the work in which she is engaged—an able address from a brilliant woman."

—Waco Times-Herald, November, 1907.—

The policy of the new administration was defined by Mrs. Cone Johnson herself in these words: "The policy of the present administration will be to further the work already in hand rather than to inaugurate new work. The work of the Texas Federation is almost all educational; it is the kindergarten, the betterment of the school, civics, art, music, libraries, home science. This work will not accomplish its true mission until the country home spans village and town to join with the city home. My chief thought in addition to the work to which we are already committed has been the extension of club organization in the village and the rural community. When the country woman comes to realize *that* the club reaches her home and her children, and



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that through it comes the social, civic and intellectual uplift of the community, who can doubt that her heart will respond to this call? There is pressing need for an improved country school house and for a longer school term; through this, we may arouse interest for woman's work in the country."

A conference was held between the newly-elected and the retiring Federation officials, at 8 p. m., November 24, 1905, in the parlors of the Driskill Hotel, Austin. At this time was brought forth the suggestion that the minutes of future conventions, together with committee reports, be published in the year-books. Mrs. Cone Johnson completed her board by the appointment of Mrs. C. B. Stone, Galveston; Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth; with Mrs. John B. Goodhue, Beaumont, serving as State Secretary to the General Convention.

The president appointed the following members of the standing committees: Home Economics—Mrs. Cree T. Work, Denton, chairman; Mrs. G. S. White, Weatherford; Mrs. Hugh H. Cooper, Amarillo. Libraries—Mrs. William Christian, Houston, chairman; Mrs. W. L. Davidson, Georgetown; Mrs. Milton Templeton, Waxahachie. Reciprocity Bureau—Mrs. W. S. Banks, Temple, chairman; Mrs. J. Z. Miller, Belton; Mrs. George Bancroft, Orange. Music—Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth, chairman; Mrs. W. D. Berry, Vernon; Mrs. Nat Turner, Marshall. Art—Mrs. Eli Hetzberg, San Antonio, chairman; Mrs. E. J. Kiest, Dallas; Mrs. Marshall Pierson, Haskell. Lecture—Mrs. Florence (H. B.) Fall, Houston, chairman; Mrs. Julian Wood, Mexia; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi. History—Mrs. J. J. Arthur, Austin, chairman; Mrs. Robert Shindler, Nacogdoches; Miss Adina DeZavala, San Antonio. Education—Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Stephenville, chairman; Mrs. J. W. Stayton, Cuero; Mrs. B. C. Nettles, Marlin. Club Extension—Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall, chairman; Mrs. B. F. Eads, Marshall; Mrs.

J. A. Stockton, Bartlett. Civics—Mrs. R. O. Rounsavall, Waco, chairman; Mrs. W. T. Shannon, Belton; Mrs. Mary E. Lee, San Angelo. Printing—Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner, Tyler, chairman; Mrs. Frank N. Drane, Corsicana; Mrs. John Floore, Cleburne. Badge—Mrs. Tom Griffith, Terrell, chairman; Mrs. Fred Burns, Lampasas; Mrs. Edward Bauer, Pilot Point. Program—Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin, chairman; Mrs. Maude Ervay Fagin, El Paso; Mrs. John M. Key, Brenham. Kindergarten—Mrs. J. C. Weaver, Dallas, chairman; Miss Hester Mitchell, Houston; Mrs. P. L. Downs, Temple. The members of special committees were: Transportation—Mrs. J. D. Price, Palestine, chairman; Mrs. R. J. Thomas, Honey Grove; Miss Kate Allen, Palestine. Press—Fifth District, Mrs. M. W. Manlove, San Marcos, chairman; First District, Mrs. J. J. Butts, Cisco; Second District, Miss Cora Woodall, Itasca; Third District, Mrs. Elinita Kirkpatrick, Paris; Fourth District, Mrs. Fred Robinson, Waco. Parks and School Grounds—Mrs. B. W. Lewis, Paris, chairman; Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, Crockett; Miss Lee Williams, Denton.

The first meeting of the Executive Board and chairmen of standing committees was held in Waco, March 16, 1906, in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library, the Waco City Federation acting as hostess. The board was called to order at 9 a. m., Mrs. Cone Johnson in the chair. A change in the official family was necessitated by the resignation of Mrs. W. S. Banks, Temple, chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau; Mrs. M. L. Bixler, Orange, resigned as Second Vice-president, on account of her removal from the state. Mrs. Florence (H. B.) Fall, Houston, Vice-president of the Fourth District, thus becoming the presiding officer of the Fourth District and Second Vice-president of the state, resigned as chairman of the Lecture Committee. Mrs. George Bancroft, Orange, was appointed chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau, and Mrs. B. F. Lewis of Longview added to the committee. Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi, was made chairman of the Lecture Committee

and Mrs. F. M. B. Hughs, Wharton, added. Judge G. P. Webb of Sherman having prepared a Juvenile Court bill, which had been endorsed by the county judges' convention at Dallas, requested concerted action on the part of the federated clubs to aid in securing its passage. The president was authorized to appoint a committee, with power to act, she serving as ex-officio member. The Monday and Sesame Clubs of Hillsboro were transferred by their own request from Fourth to Second District. The work of the Methodist Episcopal Home Mission Society of Texas in erecting a brick dormitory for girls at the College of Industrial Arts was endorsed by resolution. The question of an official route to the Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to be held at St. Paul, Minnesota, was presented to the board for action, and representatives of railroads present conferred with the board upon this matter. It was also decided to secure a room at St. Paul to serve as Texas headquarters. The offer of the Federation Bulletin (Mrs. May Alden Ward of Boston, Editor), to place space at the disposal of the Texas Federation was accepted, and chair authorized to appoint an editor. Expense accounts of the officers and various committees were presented and ordered paid. In this connection it is interesting to note that "Mrs. W. S. Howell, Bryan, moved that a sum not to exceed \$5.00 per month be set aside to pay for services of stenographer employed for president. Carried." Mrs. William Christian, Houston, chairman of Library Committee, reported the gift of Traveling Library No. 3 from the Ladies' Reading Club of Houston. Mrs. Christian was granted permission to request donations of books for further cases from clubs whose special work was libraries.

Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Stephenville, chairman of Committee on Education, reported seven new scholarships secured—"one in Trinity University, Waxahachie; two in Texas Christian University, Waco; two in Polytechnic College. Fort Worth, and two in John

Tarleton College, Stephenville. Two scholarships secured by Mrs. W. S. Howell, one from Villa Ursuline Academy and one from Texas Woman's College, both located at Bryan, were turned over to the board." Mrs. Bramlette also presented a plan for raising a Scholarship Loan Fund by "the assessment of 25 cents per capita, to be loaned on long time and without interest to worthy girls who are not able to avail themselves of scholarships on account of not being able to pay their board." Quoting the committee's report: "This expense of board is after all the chief expense, and usually when a girl can meet it, she can also pay tuition. Now with the assessment aforesaid we would obtain about \$1,500.00, enough to aid ten girls. By making these loans, it keeps the fund perpetual and will render such aid to the beneficiaries as will make them more self-supporting—they will thereby render some return for what they have obtained." The necessity for a loan of this character had been apparent for some time, if the clubwomen were to make the generous gifts from Texas educational institutions practically available to the girls of Texas, and Mrs. Bramlette's plan was heartily endorsed. It was announced that the Texas University Scholarship had been awarded Miss Fannie May McLeod of Palestine. Upon motion of Mrs. R. O. Rounsavall, Waco, chairman of the Civic Committee, the resolution regarding preservation of Niagara Falls, adopted by the American Civic Association in convention at Cleveland, Ohio, was endorsed. The Kindergarten Committee, through Mrs. J. C. Weaver, Dallas, chairman, stated that "Miss Ward of Fort Worth and Miss Wilson of Dallas had offered their services for talks in the interest of Kindergarten Extension wherever desired" if transportation could be arranged.

Mrs. C. B. Stone of Galveston, having been appointed for that purpose, presented appropriate resolutions of thanks for the social and business courtesies extended the Executive Board while guests of the clubwomen of Waco, which were unanimously adopted. These

courtesies which lightened the labors of the Executive Board included "dainty baskets of fragrant violets for each visitor" from the Shakespeare Club of Waco; "the beautiful gift of bouquets of pink carnations from Mr. Sam Sanger"; a literary entertainment at Baylor University by the class in Classical Reading on Thursday evening; and the buffet luncheon, "elegant and tasteful in all of its appointments," given by Mrs. Edward Rotan on Friday, an added charm of which was the "address of welcome by Mrs. Arbuckle on behalf of the Woman's Club of Waco." The board then adjourned.

The spring of 1906 saw larger and better district meetings of the Federation. The Second District held the earliest meeting at Bonham, April 17, 18, 1906. The only records of that meeting available, is a newspaper clipping containing the excellent program prepared for that occasion, and the account in the minutes of the ninth state convention at El Paso, when owing to the absence of a report from the district, the president called for such a report from the floor. The program provides for President's Evening on Tuesday, April 17, 1906, with Mrs. A. P. Cosgrove, Pilot Point, district vice-president, in the chair. Addresses are scheduled from the district president, Mrs. T. W. Wiley, McKinney; Organizing and Maintaining a Civic Improvement League, Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; from the state president, Mrs. Cone Johnson; and one on Juvenile Courts by Judge G. P. Webb, Sherman. Morning session of April 18, is devoted to business and club reports. Afternoon session contains addresses by Mrs. Edwin S. Jackson, Dallas, on American Composers; What Our Federation Committee on Household Economics is Striving For, by Mrs. Cree T. Work, Denton; Our Traveling Art Gallery, by Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris; Some of the Ways in Which the Clubs Can Aid the Schools, a discussion opened by Mrs. Frederick Bowen, Cleburne. A Library Session is also to be held. El Paso minutes record: "Mrs. George K. Meyer, Dallas, told of the Shakespeare Club and its work for art and libraries.

Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas, spoke for the Woman's Forum, the new department club; also told of tree-planting, and other civic work of the Oak Cliff Improvement Society. Mrs. W. A. Callaway (Pauline Periwinkle), Dallas, department of Civics in Woman's Forum, spoke of pure food laws and announced they had secured a city chemist for Dallas. Mrs. Edwards, Dallas, spoke for the department of Philanthropy and Science for the Forum. Mrs. C. E. Fargo, Dallas, of art department of Forum, gave an extended talk on Art in the Home; a fine architect in Dallas will lecture to this department with stereopticon slides. Miss Gales, Bonham, reported her club working for a public library; Mrs. H. W. Fairbanks, Sherman, told of work being done in rug weaving by the Free Kindergarten Association. Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne, stated her club had secured the next district meeting. Mrs. A. L. Knauer of Denison told how the XXI Club had organized a Civic League, and paid off the debt on the only woman's clubhouse in Texas." Referring again to the published district program, it is noted that a musicale was to be held at Carlton College with the Chaminade Club as hostess; and a reception by the 99 Club, complimentary to the visiting clubwomen, at the home of Mrs. A. B. Scarborough.

The Third District held its meeting on April 26, 27, 1906, at Honey Grove as guests of the XX Century Club. Extracts from the report of the presiding officer, Mrs. S. J. Wright of Paris, tell of the achievements of the clubs: "In December, 1835, when Davy Crockett crossed the prairies of North Texas with his handful of Tennessee recruits for the Texas Army, he chanced one night to camp in a beautiful grove where, finding bees and wild honey, he called the place Honey Grove, and this name still clings to what is now one of the most progressive little towns in our state. Here it was that the clubwomen of the Third District met in annual convention last April, and were accorded such a welcome, *from the men as well as from the women*, that Honey

Grove became to our minds a synonym for hospitality. During our morning session there were introduced from the platform four generations of the town's first settler, who had had the honor of being married by that same Davy Crockett, then a humble magistrate! What was accomplished last year by our thirty-nine clubs is submitted from the reports rendered at Honey Grove: Ten clubs studied Shakespeare exclusively, while eight made it but a portion of their program work. Honey Grove Shakespeare Club included a course in French and Spanish Art, thus to make the coming of the Traveling Art Gallery of more interest. In the Public School Auditorium where our convention was held, hung Murillo's 'Children of the Shell' purchased from the five-cent admission fee of the school children to the exhibition. The Dixie Club, Palestine, studied writers of our beloved Dixie Land. The Carnegie Club, Terrell, reported an original story by two of its club members, introducing historical features and customs of the countries studied in their Bay View course. The Standard Club, Greenville, interspersed club work with musicales. The Pioneer Club, Terrell, and Pallas Club, Greenville, each had Bible Days. Twenty-one clubs engaged actively in Civic work, many of them caring for one special school building and grounds. The Woman's Wednesday Club, of Mineola, and the Woman's Wednesday Club of Forney, fenced the school grounds and planted trees thereon. The Woman's Wednesday Club of Kemp also planted trees and was instrumental in having a Texas flag raised over the school on San Jacinto Day. The members of the New Century Club of Clarksville, "are bending their energies toward erecting a suitable club home upon grounds presented them by a generous citizen." The Woman's Club of Marshall "hung pictures of Southern heroes on the school room walls. The Pierian Club, Corsicana, gave four pictures to the public schools, while the New Era Club, Corsicana, provided funds with which to tint the walls of six school rooms. The 1881 Club of Jefferson, which

on October 6th celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday, is striving for the prettiest school grounds in the state. The Quid Nunc Club, Tyler, and Standard Club, Winsboro, beautified their city cemetery. The Standard Club, Longview, and XX Century Club, Corsicana, each gave special attention to their city park, which the former club not only re-seated and re-lighted, but formally opened to the public as a place for free entertainments. Our Library Committee reports that we have 15 school libraries assisted by club effort, containing 15,450 volumes; 22 libraries directly or indirectly due to club effort; 8 developing into Carnegies; two for use of clubwomen only; two clubs maintain traveling libraries; all are actively engaged in circulation of magazines through rural districts. We have trained librarians, eight paid ones, and nine libraries kept open by voluntary services of clubwomen. Aggregate number of volumes in libraries of the district, 26,338, of which 1,382 are juvenile books. The Carnegie Library of Greenville bears the distinction of having loaned as many books last year as the Fort Worth library. The Shakespeare Club, Marshall, added \$220.00 to their library fund. Each of the four clubs of Corsicana gave \$25.00 to their Carnegie Library; the XIX Century Club presenting seven foreign reproductions of masterpieces in art. The Shakespeare Club, Longview, established a rest-room in connection with their public library. The Lotus Club and Twentieth Century Club, Paris, co-operating as members of the City Federation, started out auspiciously in the library movement. The Shakespeare Club, Texarkana, bought books bearing upon their topic of study, while several clubs gave dictionaries to public schools. The Carnegie Club, Pioneer Club and Social Science Club, Terrell, through entertainments added over \$640.00 to their library fund; the two last named clubs refurnished their room in the library building, and inspired the Children's Story Hour for every Friday afternoon. The Clover Club, Kaufman, inaugurated manual and industrial training

in the public school; rapid growth soon required larger quarters which were secured and financed by the club-women. Several of the clubs aim through a fine social life to develop a culture not derived from text-books; chief among these are the Southern Literature Club, Ladonia; XIX Century Club, Corsicana; Quid Nunc Club, Tyler, and Pioneer Club, Terrell. The last named has done the best club extension work in the district." The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the surplus fund in the treasury of the Third District be made the nucleus of an Educational Aid Fund to be used to pay the board of some worthy young girl who desires to take advantage of one of the scholarships offered by the Educational Committee of our State Federation." In order to expedite the collection of this fund, "the district was divided into three sections, thirteen clubs in each, with a chairman in charge of each section. By August 1st, we had a total of \$202.52 in our Educational Aid Fund. The judges as to the recipient of this fund were Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Stephenville, chairman Education Committee; Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler, State President, and Mrs. J. C. McKinney, Honey Grove, general chairman. Their choice was Miss Fanny Heuberger, one of the Honor girls of the Paris High School, Class of 1906, who accepted the Trinity University Scholarship."

The Fifth District held its convention in Corpus Christi, May 2, 3, 1906. Mrs. M. E. Allen of Victoria, who had been elected as presiding officer of this district, thus automatically becoming one of the State Vice-presidents, resigned just before the State Convention held in Austin, and Mrs. A. B. Storey of Lockhart, who was Vice-president to the district, became its presiding officer, and was confirmed as Fourth State Vice-president by the votes of the clubwomen at Austin. Mrs. A. B. Storey presided at the District Convention held in Corpus Christi. From newspapers of that day one finds there were 41 clubs represented at this meeting with 70 delegates. "The address of the morning

was that of Judge R. B. Green of San Antonio, on the 'Necessity of Industrial Schools for Juvenile Offenders.' Judge Green has been in a position to know the need of saving a child. He referred to the non-appreciation for laws to this effect on the part of rural members of the legislature. Every hour spent in a city, proof is in evidence that the law should, in some way, protect the young before they become criminals. Steps of this kind are not only for the good of the child, but for the good of the state. This is a business proposition to the taxpayer. If industrial schools were established and the child saved from crime there would be no need of a cell in the penitentiary. His practical talk was heartily endorsed by the women." Other topics on the program were More National Pride Should Be Shown to American Literature by Americans, by Mrs. Henry Redmond, Corpus Christi; Industrial Training in the Schools, an illustrated talk by Mrs. Anna Hilton, San Antonio; How May Parents Keep in Touch With Children's Reading? by Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Seguin; History of Corpus Christi, by Mrs. J. J. Arthur, Austin; The Pure Food Problem, by Mrs. C. E. Dodd, Laredo. Mrs. Cone Johnson was an honored guest of the convention. With her closing remarks, Mrs. A. B. Storey resigned her office, and introduced her successor, Mrs. C. L. Condit, Austin, who had been elected to fill the vacant office of Vice-president to the district at Austin by the delegates from the district who were in attendance on the State Convention. Mrs. G. R. Scott was elected Mrs. Condit's successor as Vice-president, and Mrs. Edward Lewis of Gonzales Second Vice-president.

Wednesday's (May 2nd) social affairs included a luncheon of 93 covers with the Woman's Monday Club as hostess during the noon recess; a cup of tea just after adjournment with Mrs. G. W. Westerfelt at the Seaside Hotel; and a citizens' reception at night. The clubwomen of Corpus Christi very generously arranged for a play-day for their visitors, the day after the convention. May 3rd opened with a drive over the city at

10 a. m.; an informal luncheon was enjoyed with Mrs. G. R. Scott; and at 3 p. m. the delegates and visitors were strictly "in the swim" at Mrs. W. F. Timon's natatorium party. "The Garden Party" with Mrs. Henry Redmond was a fitting close to a day filled with pleasant experiences. And then, to quote an exchange, "it was sobre las Olas" (over the waves) from 9 p. m. to 11 p. m. by glorious moonlight in a couple of large and staunch sail-boats, on beautiful Corpus Christi bay. Mrs. C. L. Condit, Austin, reports for the work of the Fifth District: "Almost without exception, all clubs have undertaken some line of outside work in addition to their regular study. The San Antonio clubs report the support of the Free Kindergarten, plans for reformatory for wayward boys, the framing of a curfew law; Mothers' Clubs are working for proper furnishing and equipment of school rooms, and have in some of the schools introduced manual training, sewing and gardening. The gardens of the Bonham School (San Antonio) were so beautifully kept, they won a prize from the judges of the San Antonio Fair. The American History Club, Austin, has started a fund for parks. The Mothers' Clubs of Austin are placing sanitary drinking fountains in the school grounds. The Optimistic Club of Cotulla is endeavoring to lease or purchase a neglected artesian well, and put it into proper condition. The Woman's Monday Club, Corpus Christi, held three open air concerts a week all during last summer. They have now undertaken the terracing and beautifying the bluff facing the bay. Four O'Clock Club of Goliad maintained open air concerts all last year. The Woman's Club, Lockhart, bought new blinds for their school house. The Sorosis Club, San Marcos, told how they had beautified the court house grounds. El Progreso Club, Uvalde, planted fifty-six trees on their plazas. The Bronte Club of Victoria reported the great success of an open civic day they held, to which the citizens were invited and in which they were invited to answer the query: 'If I could do one thing

for the improvement of Victoria, what would it be?" Junior Bronte Club, composed of thirty-five girls from 14 to 18 years, has organized a junior civic league which has enlisted the pupils of the public and private schools in pledging themselves: 'Never to expectorate on sidewalks or in public buildings; never to drop peelings or fruit rinds on the pavements; to pick up at least two pieces of paper daily.'"

The Fourth District, like the Fifth, suffered an unexpected change of officers. Mrs. M. L. Bixler removing from Texas, placed the reins in the hands of Mrs. Florence (Henry B.) Fall of Houston, just six weeks before the date set for the District Convention at Crockett. May 9-11, 1906. Realizing the necessity for speedy action, the clubs of the district rallied to Mrs. Fall's support, and, she states, "every mail came freighted with letters offering service in every line of work." With her splendid executive ability, Mrs. Fall held a successful convention. A noteworthy feature of this convention was the number of business men who attended the sessions; the busy housewives, too, had prepared so ably beforehand, they could also attend the convention. Mrs. Fall reports "there was a feeling of good fellowship from the beginning of the meeting, which started on the afternoon of May 9, with a driving party, which met at Park Hill with Mrs. Douglas in informal reception. The Douglas home is the oldest in the town of Crockett, and Mrs. Douglas boasts of having carried the first parasol in Houston County. She bears her 80 intellectual years with joyousness, and attended every meeting of the convention." President's Evening was enhanced by the presence of the State President. Mrs. Johnson's message "touched all vital questions pertaining to the Federation." Miss Elizabeth Davis of Crockett read a witty paper, *Is Man What Woman Makes Him?* The History of Crockett was well written by Mrs. John B. Goodhue of Beaumont. Colonel Earle Adams spoke on *The Necessity of a Law Giving the Courts of Texas a Right to Control*

Juvenile Offenders. Miss Decca Lamar West, Waco, led a discussion on What Are the Greatest Needs of Our District Meetings? The club reports showed great activity in library, civics and other work. "The Waco Shakespeare Club raised \$100.00 towards furnishing the parlors of the Carnegie Library. The XX Century Club of Beaumont is working towards establishing a free public library. 150 volumes have been collected and a pledge of \$50.00 annually for new books. Waco Literary Club contributed to the public library. The Juvenile Protective Association of Galveston is bringing Judge Ben Lindsey to Texas in the interest of the Juvenile Court bill. A bit of sunshine work has been taken up by the Belton Woman's Wednesday Club, which entertained all the old ladies of the vicinity. 50 ladies from 60 to 80 years were present on this enjoyable occasion, and one remarked, 'This is our time to be taken from the shelf.' The Woman's Health Protective Association of Galveston has been a truly valuable asset to that city in making the waste places bloom again, giving away plants and flower seeds. The Matinee Musical Club of Beaumont and the Houston Civic Club have furnished free band concerts through the summer months in the parks, each raising \$1000.00 for this purpose. The Trivium Club of Liberty procured grounds for a park and have deeded it to the city. The New Century Club, Wharton, presents a copy of some celebrated artist to the public schools." On behalf of the Shakespeare Club of Crockett, Mrs. J. S. Wooters presented Mrs. Fall with an artistic gavel made from a tree grown in Crockett and shaped by a Crockett craftsman. The Crockett Shakespeare Club proved an ideal hostess to the clubwomen of the Fourth District. Their colors, green and white, were in evidence everywhere, even tied to the whip-handles and on the carriages which greeted the happy delegates. Quoting Mrs. Fall: "The reception at 8 o'clock, following adjournment of convention, at the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Edmunston, to club delegates and

visitors, by D. A. Nunn Chapter, U. D. C., and Shakespeare Club was a brilliant affair, when music, dainty refreshments, fair women, and brave men all combined to make a brilliant evening, which the delegates supposed to be the finale to the convention. However, another pleasure followed this reception, a farewell luncheon, on the morning of May 11, at 10 o'clock, by the Shakespeare Club, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newton; Mrs. Lipscomb, of Crockett, acting as toastmaster, passed the loving cup and many sparkling toasts were offered and wit and splendid repartee prevailed, making delegates loath to leave for outgoing trains."

The First District met in Weatherford, May 15, 16, 17, 1906, in its fourth annual convention, as the guests of the XX Century Club. With the introduction of President's Evening into the district programs, the original one-day session has been extended to two, and even portions of three days. But the time has not been wasted, as the delegates have been drawn closer together, have had time to exchange ideas informally upon the topics presented on the formal programs, and all this has made for a greater cohesion in purpose. Mrs. B. G. Bidwell, Weatherford, presided, and the program stressed the juvenile court and library work. Judge G. P. Webb of Sherman made a strong plea for juvenile courts. Topics on the program were How to Organize a Town Library, by Mrs. Ethel Weiss, Fort Worth; The Value of a Trained Librarian, by Miss Agnes Geer, Fort Worth; The Organization and Value of Traveling Libraries, Mrs. C. O. Harper, Fort Worth; Do Our Public Schools Need Libraries?, Miss Lulu Labatt, Fort Worth. An interesting symposium was Woman's Clubs: Relative to Individual Members, Mrs. S. T. Bibb, Fort Worth; Relative to Homes, Mrs. Alexander, Haskell; Relative to Society, Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth. Club reports showed much interest in the work of the Federation. Mrs. Edward Rotan,

Waco, first state president, gave a thoughtful and practical address on President's Evening, at which time Mrs. Bidwell gave her annual address. Delegates and visitors were tendered a reception at Elks' Hall by the Twentieth Century Club; many citizens of Weatherford were present and a most delightful evening spent. On Wednesday afternoon a drive over the city was enjoyed by all visitors and delegates. "The closing event of this meeting was an elegant reception at the home of Mrs. Lowe, which was artistically decorated." Mrs. Bidwell reports, "45 clubs in the district. The XX Century Club, Weatherford, has three departments, History and Literature, Home Science and Music and Art. It has expended \$311.57 for a rest-room, accomplished many thing in civic improvement, including the banishment of the town cow; the Music and Art Department has a flourishing chorus, adding much to the musical interest of the city. Woman's Wednesday Club, Granbury, has added 100 volumes to their public library and have a paid librarian. The New Century Club, Wichita Falls, is strictly literary. The Pierian Club, Amarillo, helps the schools. The XX Century Club, Stephenville, has always sent a delegate to state and district conventions, has library open twice a week with paid librarian. Shakespeare Club at Abilene planted shade trees and helped purchase piano for school. The XX Century Club, Cisco, has a library of 1000 volumes, has added 116 volumes, six book-cases, published library catalogue, has a paid librarian. 1904 Club, Quanah, planted trees in court house square and improved the public park. The Fort Worth '93 Club has brought several lecturers to their city and donated books to the library. Hesperian Club, Colorado, a charter member of the Federation, each year has sent delegate to state or district convention, often to both; gave \$25.00 to high school laboratory, enabling it to affiliate with the State University, sent literature to public schools. Cecilian Club, Vernon, directed effort to interest the community in music; XX Century Club,

Gainesville, works for a public library; has foster clubs of young girls who will federate when girls reach age of sixteen." The First District passed resolutions favoring Library Commission bill, the Juvenile Court bill, to set aside one session during the coming year to study the laws of Texas regarding the married woman and her property. Resolutions expressing their appreciation of officers, hostess club, the hospitality extended were also passed. Mesdames A. H. McCarty and R. E. Buchanan of Fort Worth, Committee on Resolutions.

"The Eighth Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was held in St. Paul, Minn., May-June, 1906. Texas had 13 delegates present, and one of the three Southern State presidents." (From *The Golden Age*, Atlanta, Georgia, July 19, 1906.) Newspaper accounts say that the report of the Texas work as given by Mrs. Johnson was "one of the best, if not the very best state report" presented. The State Biennial delegates, as recorded in the *Texas Year-book 1905-6* were: Biennial Delegates—First District, Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Stephenville; Second District, Mrs. J. B. Pondrom, Pilot Point; Third District, Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas; Fourth District, Mrs. W. S. Banks, Temple; Fifth District, Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Seguin. Delegates-at-Large—Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler; Mrs. W. A. Callaway, Dallas; Miss Kate Friend, Waco; Miss Louise Pace, Corsicana; Mrs. A. R. Howard, Palestine. Mrs. Fred Robinson of Waco, as press reporter, adds these names as "Texas delegates to the Biennial: Mesdames John Wright, T. J. Wiley and Mrs. Mary H. Gray of Tyler; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin; Mrs. John B. Goodhue and Miss Olga Wiess of Beaumont; Mesdames M. A. Spoons and S. B. Burnett, Fort Worth; Mrs. C. B. Jones and Miss Claire Perkins of Greenville; Mrs. Olga Kohlberg, El Paso; Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Corsicana; Mrs. M. W. Smoots, Sherman, and Mrs. Fred Robinson." Texas clubwomen returned from the Biennial elated at the election of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker as treasurer of the General Federation.

When the Texas Federation extended an invitation to Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, General Federation President, to repeat the mutually-enjoyed visit of last year as their honor guest at the ninth annual convention in El Paso, November 20-23, 1906, they little knew they were going to greet her with one of her own Rocky Mountain snow storms. But so it proved. From Sunday, November 18, 7:15 p. m., to Monday about 6 p. m., the white flakes fell steadily, persistently, breaking the snowfall record of 28 years. Everything was in readiness for the Federation meeting. The Christian Church was beautifully decorated in the green and white colors of the El Paso Woman's Club. Fortunately, the trains from the eastern parts of the state, picking up the delegates en route, had started upon their long journey under fairer skies, and the pluck and determination of train crews and officials brought them through—though belated. In the well-heated Pullmans, the passengers were comfortable and the diners did not run out of supplies. So the clubwomen happily enjoyed the novel experience of a snow-white Texas; one trainload, being stopped by a wreck of empty freight cars, had a grand snowball battle out on the broad prairie, while the track was being cleared.

The Executive Board met promptly at 9 a. m. on November 21 in the parlors of the Christian Church, Mrs. Johnson in the chair. Officers and committee chairmen present were: Mrs. E. Kohlberg, El Paso; Mrs. Henry Fall, Houston; Mrs. C. L. Condit, Austin; Mrs. B. G. Bidwell, Weatherford; Mrs. John W. Wright, Tyler; Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham; Mrs. P. C. Coleman, Colorado City; Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth; Mrs. George K. Meyer, Dallas; Mrs. W. A. Callaway, Dallas; Mrs. William Christian, Houston; Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio; Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth; Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall; Mrs. George Bancroft, Orange; Mrs. H. W. Fairbanks, Sherman; Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris; Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas; Mrs. B. W. Lewis, Paris. The

names of 23 clubs were presented by Mrs. Edmund Key, chairman Club Extension committee, as having complied with all requirements, and were unanimously recommended for membership. Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth, chairman of the Music Committee, presented a scholarship in voice.

The usual addresses of welcome and business routine occupied the first session of the Federation, which was called to order by Mrs. Cone Johnson, president, at 10:15 a. m., Wednesday, November 21, 1906.

Convention committees announced were: Credentials—Mrs. R. J. Thomas, Honey Grove, chairman; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi; Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne; Mrs. J. E. Ledbetter, Quanah; Mrs. Ras Young, Longview; Mrs. Tom Carter, Weatherford; Miss Lawrence, Bonham; Miss Hattie Irvin, McKinney; Mrs. A. B. Watkins, Athens; Mrs. Fluery (W. N. Furey?), Paris. Rules and Regulations—Mrs. D. H. Orand, Waco, chairman; Mrs. F. M. B. Hughes, Wharton; Mrs. E. C. Hunter, Sherman. Resolutions—Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Seguin, chairman; Mrs. Mary Hunt Affleck, Brenham; Mrs. E. A. Arnim, Flatonia. Press Censor—Mrs. Fred Robinson, Waco. Assistant Timekeeper—Mrs. T. J. Wiley, Tyler. On account of the absence of Mrs. W. S. Howell, Bryan, Mrs. George K. Meyer of Dallas was appointed recording secretary pro tem. The following clubs, duly recommended, were unanimously elected to membership: Philharmonic Club, Amarillo; Matinee Musical Club, Beaumont; Chaminade Club, Bonham; Brenham Quill Club, Brenham; Girls' Study Club, Coleman; La Ratama Club, Corpus Christi; The Atlantean Club, Dallas; Colonial Hill Mothers' Club, Dallas; The Woman's Forum, Dallas; Woman's Auxiliary to Railway Mail Association, Denison; Eleanor Brackenridge Club, Edna; Civic Improvement League, El Paso; Mothers' League, El Paso; Twentieth Century Club, Gilmer; Woman's Self Culture Club, Goldthwaite; Pen Women, Houston; Woman's Culture Club, Hutto; Mystic Club, Plainview;

Blue Bonnet Club, Refugio; Mutual Improvement Club, Wharton; Athenian Club, Whitesboro; 1904 History Club, Whitewright; Woman's Wednesday Book Club, Wills Point. Program of the convention was presented as her report by Mrs. Fred Fleming of Dallas as chairman of that committee, she having been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Pennybacker's election as General Federation Treasurer. The Historical Sketch of El Paso, by Miss Mary B. Stanton, was read at this morning session and heartily enjoyed by the audience.

An interesting Art Conference was held at 1:15 p. m., Wednesday, at which Mrs. Eli Hertzberg presided. The following resolution was sent to the Committee on Resolutions, which presented it to the convention on November 23rd, when it was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved: That the delegates assembled in the Art Conference request of the Executive Board the consideration of a plan of competitive art work among the school children of Texas with a scholarship in a good art school as an incentive for earnest effort. Signed—Mrs. George K. Meyer, Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Mrs. William Christian, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, Mrs. T. J. Wiley."

At the afternoon session, Wednesday, November 21, Mrs. J. W. Wright, Tyler, Corresponding Secretary, reported 1500 letters as her share of the Federation work; she recommended a uniform election day for individual clubs, as obviating delay in getting out the yearly roster. The five State Vice-presidents, as district presiding officers, gave reports of their district meetings. In the midst of these reports, Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, General Federation President, arrived, and was escorted to the platform by Mesdames Kohlberg, Parsons and Townsend. Every one was happy to have their long-delayed guest of honor arrive. Mrs. Edmund Key introduced the discussion on club extension, and urged that each federated club resolve to bring in one new club during the year. After adjourn-

ment, the Woman's Club of El Paso held a reception for the visitors at the New Crawford Theatre.

Wednesday night was truly a "President's Evening," when an ex-State Federation president, the present State President, and the General Federation President were to appear on the same program. The Waco Times-Herald in its report says of the three presidents, Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Pennybacker, who were on that evening's program: "They spoke to a crowded auditorium; by personal appearance they shed luster upon the American woman, and by their words showed that the American woman is one who forms lofty ideals and works towards them. Mrs. Johnson, with her quiet dignity and speech full of sincere appreciation for the work in which she is engaged; Mrs. Decker, with her ready wit and apt illustrations by means of anecdotes inimitably told; Mrs. Pennybacker, so full of magnetism both in words and in manner—these three women, so distinct in individuality, fairly electrified their hearers on President's Evening with the wonders told of what the women are doing." In her preface, Mrs. Johnson takes occasion to say that woman's work is not of the character to be measured by a census, statistics or a balance sheet, but rather by the spirit manifest in each of the clubs which make the Federation. As the program announced, Mrs. Pennybacker was to deliver the report from the Biennial. "She began by saying that the Biennial was composed of 2,000 representative women, happy grandmothers, mothers, wives and daughters, who stand for the best and sanest in American home and social life. She then treated her subject from the fourfold standpoint of the business feature, the educational, the social and the artistic. The order, the precision, the clearness of expression, all these, with the good of the Federation ever paramount to the selfish hobby, Mrs. Pennybacker pronounced model. No pen can do justice to an address from Mrs. Decker, for her manner has such a happy way of impressing what she says. Not one word falls

from her lips which does not convey the feeling that she is sincere in her desire to do her part in this grand betterment of social conditions for humanity. She told of the modest beginning of the General Federation, a banding together of several literary clubs for self-improvement. 'When one club proposed a home department no one knew what it was. The Federation now numbers 46 states and represents approximately 800,000 women. From the literary culture, the clubs have come to be called on for everything, for civic measures, for political reforms, to entertain distinguished visitors, and so on. We want the men with us. We want a few federated husbands. This movement is broader than men and women. At the dedication of the battlefield of Vicksburg, the governor of Massachusetts closed his address with these words: 'Massachusetts and Mississippi, right about face, shoulder to shoulder, forward march!' In those words let me say to you all, men and women, right about face, shoulder to shoulder, forward march, not for El Paso, not for Texas, but, keeping step with the Federation, forward march for the good of womankind, for the good of the nation, for the good of the family, for the good of the home, for the decent, steady uplift of a great nation.' " Several beautiful musical numbers were also on the evening program. These included vocal solos by Mrs. Katherine S. Camp of El Paso, Mrs. Turner Williamson of Houston, and Mrs. Emma Broadus of El Paso, a piano solo by Miss Ruby Lawrence of McKinney.

Thursday morning's session was devoted to reports of standing committees. The Music Committee arranged a concert tour in the spring for Mr. W. J. Marst of Fort Worth; helped organize a number of new musical clubs and to bring several old ones into the Federation; their most successful work being the inauguration of the musical contest; and the consequent discovery of seven composers of merit in Federation ranks. The committee recommended more and better music in the public schools, the encouragement of park band

concerts in the summer, every effort to be made to bring all musical clubs into the Federation fold. The committee announced two gold medals to be awarded for the best original compositions, one for instrument, from Mrs. Hertzberg, and one in voice, from Mrs. C. W. Connery—also a scholarship in voice from a teacher in Fort Worth. Mrs. George Bancroft, chairman, reported that the Reciprocity Committee was advancing club helpfulness by the exchange of original papers and printed articles between the clubs. The four years' course in art originally contemplated for the Texas Art Gallery, having been finished, it was the consensus of opinion that this year the General Federation's traveling gallery should be taken by the clubs. The Library Committee announced two traveling libraries had been added for use of the clubs, also an extensive campaign of education had been carried on regarding the Library Commission bill, to be again presented to the legislature. Each delay enables the Federation to present a stronger bill, a new feature providing for a Legislative Reference Library, to promote wise and staunch legislation. The History Committee reported a gratifying response to its recommendation that "state patriotism be fostered by exploiting early local history" on district programs. The press representatives led in a conference wherein were discussed club "organs," club news, the ease or difficulty of having club items published—all matters vital to the clubwoman desiring to be well informed on Federation affairs. Upon motion of Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Hon. Cone Johnson was made an honorary member.

At the noon adjournment, the clubwomen were served with lunch in the Brazos Flats, as was the case on each day of the convention by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church.

The afternoon session proved very interesting. The Printing Committee's report brought out the recommendation that the expense of the year-book be lessened by the individual clubs paying expressage on same,

which the delegates cheerfully endorsed. Mrs. Decker conducted a Council of Club Presidents. A surprise was sprung on the delegates, when, at its close, Mrs. Decker announced that Mrs. J. B. Dibrell of Seguin had been appointed chairman of Civics in the General Federation. This new acknowledgment of the worth of Texas clubwomen aroused prolonged applause. Mrs. E. P. Turner conducted a Workers' Conference; such topics as Women's Clubs as a Factor in Municipal Government, Tree Planting and Care of Public Buildings, Police Reforms, and Pure Food Legislation were handled by Mrs. Fred Fleming, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg and Mrs. Cree T. Work, respectively. Through the efforts of the Women's Clubs, San Antonio now has a police matron. Mrs. Pennybacker presided over a conference whose topic was True Character-Building Through Education—in Home, in School, in Church. The clubwomen freely discussed the sub-topics, The Home, the Center of all Character Building; The Relation of Teacher and Parent; The Church and the Child. Mothers told of their problems with children, how they had solved them, and sought further counsel. Mrs. O. R. Hecker of Galveston, mother of 11 children, said she had had some experiences in that relationship. Mrs. Manlove spoke of experiences in a church, when the boys had to give up their seats to grown people; it developed that the cause of this was lack of room and seats, and the remedy was suggested to build a larger church. Mrs. J. C. Terrell, "Mother of Libraries," told of lack of proper library support by the state, and the hopes pinned to the next legislature, that the clubwomen would then have their Library Commission to encourage establishment of libraries, under the topic Library Laws of Texas. Sub-topics: Duty of the Club to the Library; Library Work for Children; Elevating the Reading Taste of the Public, brought out lively discussions. An instructive talk from Mr. Albert Read, librarian of the El Paso Public Library, added to the interest evinced by the delegates.

Thursday evening, the Christian Church Auditorium was again crowded for the "Musical Evening" arranged by the Music Committee. It was described by the newspapers as a "brilliant" evening. Mrs. Cone Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:30. After a few words, stating that three original compositions were on the evening's program, she turned the meeting over to the chairman of Music, Mrs. C. W. Connery of Fort Worth. The prize-winning compositions, selected for presentation over all competitors, were Spinning Song, by Miss Belle Biard, Bonham; Gauche Main (Left Hand), by Miss Emi Waltermire of Honey Grove; Sufficient, by Mrs. C. C. Hall, Abilene. Besides these numbers, the program included a vocal solo, A Summer Night, by Miss Olivia Peine, Wharton; a double number, Swallow, Swallow, Flying South, and Time Enough by Mrs. Lillian Pearce of El Paso. The Witches' Dance played by Mrs. H. M. Madison, Beaumont. Mrs. M. Boylan of the Denton State Normal School gave an address, The Need for Better Music in Our Public Schools, followed by Mrs. DeWitt Tucker of El Paso with her solo, Awake, Dear Mate, and Mrs. Turner Williamson of Houston with Sans Toi. Miss Grace Davenport of Fort Worth played a charming violin number. The program concluded with a Trio by Mrs. DeWitt Tucker, Mrs. Emma Broaddus and Mrs. Katherine Camp of El Paso.

Friday morning, the 23rd, the Texas Federation transferred itself to foreign soil. After a pleasant trolley ride through El Paso, the bridge over the Rio Grande, spanning the two republics, was crossed, and the clubwomen were in the quaint Mexican town of Juarez. They visited its ancient church, its barracks, prison; saw the enclosure where Sunday bull fights occur; shopped for Mexican drawn-work, linens and lace, and were finally ushered into the "Theatro Juarez," there to enjoy a Mexican lunch. "The auditorium of the theatre was beautifully decorated in the American and the Mexican colors, and on the stage on twin easels

were portraits of President Diaz and President Roosevelt. All of the members of the official board of the State Federation were seated at the head of one of the long tables which stretched the length of the hall. Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Johnson were given seats at the head of one of these stretches of white linen opposite one another. With them were the officers of the Federation and members of the board. Officials of the city of Juarez honored the Texas women by their presence and sat in the row of boxes on the left of the theatre during the opening of the luncheon. Those of officialdom who were present were Mayor Montemayor, Angel Calderon Urritea, *civico primero*; Eugenio Palacios, secretary to the mayor, and Bernardo L. Lacasus. When the Mexican orchestra played the national air the women rose from their seats at the table and applauded vigorously. During the luncheon there were two vocal numbers, Miss Helen Cooper of El Paso singing 'La Golondrina' and Miss Elizabeth Garrett 'La Perjura,' to the great delight of all. This luncheon with a foreign menu in a foreign city, amid such unfamiliar surroundings, appealed to the delegates, and no feature of entertainment provided for them was more appreciated.

Back to business with renewed ardor, after this morning of sight-seeing, the Federation was called to order at 2 p. m., Friday afternoon. The report of the Committee on Education announced 23 scholarships with three added at this convention, making 26 scholarships now in the gift of the Federation: University of Texas, Austin; Trinity University, Waxahachie; Baylor University, Waco; two in Texas Christian University, Waco; Fort Worth University, Fort Worth; two in Polytechnic College, Fort Worth; St. Mary's College, Dallas; three in North Texas Female College (Art, Music, Literary), Sherman; two in Carr-Burdette College, Sherman; two in John Tarleton College, Stephenville; Texas Woman's College, Bryan; two in Baylor Female College (Music, Literary), Belton; Tyler Commercial College, Tyler; Dallas Free Kindergarten,

Dallas ; Waugh-Lauder Summer School of Music, Dallas (?) ; Mary Conner College, Paris ; Villa Marie Ursuline College, Bryan ; Mrs. Nettie Everett Groom, Fort Worth, (Voice) ; Professor C. A. Rossignol, Fort Worth (Violin). The suggestion of the Committee on Education "that each district raise a loan fund to assist deserving students" in using these scholarships and that the matter be presented at each district meeting, met with approval. "The Third District has taken the initiative by raising \$212.50 as an Educational Aid Fund. One club in Second District has begun the work there by pledging \$50.00. The goal set at this time was 25 cents per capita. Chairman reported her visit to the College of Industrial Arts, the outcome being the resolution adopted by the convention. The Kindergarten Committee's report was given by Mrs. H. W. Fairbanks, Sherman, introduced by the president as successor of the much-beloved Mrs. J. C. Weaver. The chairman stated she had received much inspiration by her visit to the El Paso public school kindergartens—the only city in the state whose schools are thus equipped from public funds. The committee recommended the action covered by resolution. The Kindergarten Associations of Fort Worth and Dallas and the Mothers' Clubs of San Antonio were reported as maintaining public school kindergartens. Good reports of progress had come in from Houston, Galveston, Colorado City and Corsicana. "In the discussion it developed that women's clubs were helping to maintain kindergartens in various parts of the state." Mrs. W. A. Calloway, almost overcome with emotion, suggested that the Third District raise a memorial fund for kindergarten work for Mrs. Weaver. A delegate asked that a resolution be prepared, as "Mrs. Weaver belonged to the state." Following this Educational session, the assembly rose and stood in silence, while Mrs. E. P. Turner of Dallas, her fellow towns-woman, read the beautiful tribute of affection, prepared as a memorial to Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth (J. C.) Weaver, by a special committee, Mrs. E. P. Turner,

Mrs. H. W. Fairbanks and Mrs. Eli Hertzberg. Mrs. Cree T. Work, Denton, reported increased interest in Home Economics, due to present agitation for pure food laws; urged that clubwomen work for enactment of adequate legislation along these lines, and the appointment of a state chemist. Due to absence of the chairman, the Civic session became an informal discussion from the floor, followed by the report of Mrs. B. F. Lewis on Parks and School Grounds. Mrs. Decker pronounced this latter an ideal club report, "the best she had ever heard," and asked for a copy. Mrs. J. B. Dibrell presented the following resolutions for the committee:

"Resolved, That in view of the devotion of the late Mrs. J. C. Weaver of Dallas to promoting the interests of kindergarten work throughout the state, that the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs raise a memorial scholarship, to be known as Sarah Elizabeth Weaver Scholarship, to enable some worthy young woman to complete a course in the Dallas Training School, which Mrs. Weaver helped to establish. Signed: Mrs. H. W. Fairbanks, Mrs. E. P. Turner, Mrs. W. A. Calloway. Whereas, The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs is keenly alive to the benefits of kindergarten training in the education of the child, therefore be it Resolved, That we use all means in our power to further legislation that will make the establishment of kindergarten in our public schools imperative. Signed: Mrs. H. W. Fairbanks, Mrs. E. P. Turner, Mrs. W. A. Calloway. Resolved, That we, the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, realizing the great necessity of improving and extending the usefulness of the College of Industrial Arts as one of the most important factors in moulding true womanhood and in fitting our girls for home life, do hereby endorse and pledge ourselves to use our utmost influence with our legislators in behalf of the following items: 1. That the legislature appropriate for the next two years the funds needed for maintenance, buildings and improvements of the College of Industrial

Arts, as set forth in the budget hereto appended. 2. That the legislature pass a special act empowering the Board of Regents of the College of Industrial Arts to issue to its graduates teachers' certificates entitling the holders to teach in the public schools of the state. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, chairman; Mrs. M. Eleanor Brackenridge, Regent. Resolved, That the President of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs be empowered to appoint a special committee of three, of which the chairman of Household Economics Committee shall be ex-officio a member, to visit the convention of the National Association of Grocers at Dallas, asking their endorsement of a comprehensive Pure Food Bill for Texas. Signed: Mrs. William Christian. Whereas, The past two conventions of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs pledged its support to legislation for juvenile offenders; and, Whereas, A closer study and fuller investigation of this need is now more deeply felt, be it Resolved, That this organization again pledge its support to the enactment of more final and comprehensive laws for dealing with juveniles and that each individual use her influence for the passage of such bill. Signed: Mrs. E. P. Turner. Resolved, That in compliance with the wise suggestion of our president, the Federation pledge itself to support the movement towards forest preservation. Resolved, That we endorse the action of our Home Economics Committee in their efforts to secure the re-enactment of the law of four years ago, granting sum of \$500.00 to any community that will raise a similar amount to be spent for equipment to be used for domestic science or manual training in our public schools and for the maintenance thereof. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. H. W. Fairbanks. Resolved, That a special committee of three called the 'Outlook Committee' shall be appointed by the president to investigate and determine exactly what legislation shall be supported and what opposed by the Federation at the coming session of the legislature. The

president is to be an ex-officio member of this committee. Signed: Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, Mrs. Edward A. Arnim, Mrs. Theodore Heisig, Committee on Resolutions." The following five additional clubs, having fulfilled all requirements, and been recommended by the board, were unanimously elected to membership: Wednesday Harmony Club, Brownwood; Lotus Eaters, Carthage; Kindergarten Association, Colorado; Sixteen Literary Club, Gainesville; Pierian Literary Club, Walnut Springs.

Waco was selected as the next place of meeting—the Federation being invited there for its "tenth birthday party." Resolutions of thanks for El Paso's bounteous hospitality were read by Mrs. E. A. Arnim of the committee. Before closing the convention, Mrs. Decker was called on. The El Paso Herald of November 24th records: "I can not tell you how I have enjoyed this federation," said Mrs. Decker. "It seems to me that I am talking a great deal at this meeting but please to remember that I came to listen and not to speak and I have talked only when you have asked me to. It has been a great meeting—one of the best that I ever saw. I cannot say I have seen a better gathering or a more earnest gathering of clubwomen in my life, than I have right here at the sessions of the Texas Federation. And in leaving you I want to say one or two things. To my mind the definition of a clubwoman is cheerfulness and steadfastness. Do not get discouraged. I know that it seems to many of you that a great many things have been determined on in this meeting and that the State Federation has set out to do a great many things. We don't want you to try and do all of these things. The object is to get some of the clubs to take up each one of these things. Each club cannot take up all of them, they cannot do it all, but some club will have a special interest in each of the things which has been suggested. Now I know in coming down here on the train that I was trying to think of some Christmas greeting to write

for the Federation Bulletin and I saw in an old newspaper that I picked up a poem and one verse of it ran something like this:

'You are beaten to earth, well, what of that,
Come up with a smile on your face,
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,
To lie there, that's the disgrace.'

"Now that is something of the spirit that I wish to see in all clubwomen and that will be my Christmas message to the Federation through the Bulletin. And to you Texas women, what I have to say is this: Never frown, never sigh, keep step." This speech of Mrs. Decker's dominated the closing hours of the convention. The close itself was simple. Mrs. Cone Johnson, the State President, had just finished thanking the delegates in the characteristic way which has been hers throughout the convention, the announcements were all over, then Mrs. Johnson, gavel in hand, smiled out over the audience and remarked: 'If there are any of the delegates here with whom I have not shaken hands I want them to come forward and see me after the meeting. We are going to close by singing America,' and these strains marked the close of the ninth convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Somehow it seemed to chime in with the fact that the meeting place was a church, that the last rays of the evening sun were stealing through the stained glass windows, it was rather a solemn, decidedly an effective finale."

This Ninth Convention has come down to us as marking a distinct advance in Federation annals. The distance to the state's border, the untoward weather conditions to be overcome, the necessity for accommodating one's self to changed plans, the call to supply unexpected vacancies on the program, the desire to make the meeting a success, the presence of a mind and heart like Mrs. Decker's, the coming in contact with a foreign neighbor, with differing customs and ideals,

at one's door—all these seemed to call out in each club-woman a confidence, a moral courage, an attention to the work before her, an intensity of purpose, which made the mental atmosphere seem so clear, the work so big and so worth while, that the impetus thus gained carried the Federation a long leap forward.

At the beginning of Mrs. Johnson's second official year, some necessary changes occurred in the members of the official family. Mrs. R. H. Garrison, Denton, was the new member of the Home Economics Committee; Mrs. Mozella Dry, Colorado, served with the Reciprocity Bureau; Mrs. Emma (Lewis A.) Broadus, El Paso, took a place on the Music Committee, while the Art, History and Education Committees gained two new members—Mrs. J. E. Ledbetter, Quanah, and Mrs. A. D. Potts, Belton, on Art; Mrs. J. H. Gibson, Calvert, and Mrs. E. A. Arnim, Flatonia, on History; Miss Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio, and Mrs. G. A. Taft, Houston, on Education; Forestry was added as a new sub-committee to Civics, and Mrs. J. E. Townsend, El Paso, chairman; Mrs. Mary Lloyd White, Waco; Mrs. J. C. Roberts, Dallas, constituted its members; Mrs. A. L. Knauer, Denison, was the new member of the Printing Committee; Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Center, and Mrs. George Sapp, Pecos, filled vacancies on the Printing Committee; the new Program Committee consisted of Mrs. Fred Fleming and Mrs. J. E. Cockrell, Dallas, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Waco, while the two new members of the Kindergarten Committee were Mrs. B. A. Randolph, Houston, chairman, and Mrs. J. H. Parsons, El Paso. Changes in Special Committees were: Transportation Committee: Mrs. R. J. Thomas, Honey Grove; Mrs. J. B. Young, Big Spring; Mrs. Tom Carter, Weatherford; vacancies on Parks and School Grounds Committee were filled by Mrs. John T. Garrison, Nacogdoches, and Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth; Mrs. Fred Robinson, Fourth District, Waco, accepted the chairmanship of the Press, and Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne, supplied the vacancy

in Second District. The new Outlook Committee was well chosen: Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Fort Worth, chairman; Mrs. W. S. Banks, Temple; Mrs. Henry F. Ring, Houston; Mrs. Cone Johnson, ex-officio member. For the Educational Conference, the five past state presidents were named: Mrs. Pennybacker, chairman; Mesdames Rotan, Terrell, Turner and Johnson.

The Fourth District meeting was held in Wharton April 11-13, 1907. President's Evening was on the 11th, when Mrs. Fall delivered an address. Mrs. Fall's report at Waco tells of work done by clubs in this district. "The New Century Club, Wharton, has worked for the public library and maintained a paid librarian for a year. The Mutual Improvement Club, Wharton, has four active working departments, civic work for the schools, town, and park having been accomplished. Two general cleaning days have been observed, and the Sam Houston Civic Brigade was organized as an auxiliary to the club; a silver medal was awarded for the largest pile of collected garbage. The Woman's Club, Center, where the next district meeting will be held, has started a free public library, planted thirty trees around the public square, built seats around seven large native oaks. Held an open session to discuss what other club-women are doing that they might grow broader in their field of effort. The Ladies' Reading Club, Sealy, is engaged in tree planting, while the Clifton Magazine Club has obtained a stock law. Calvert Shakespeare engaged the Traveling Art Gallery, and their sister club Marlin Matinee Musical, has given a series of concerts. In the extreme north of our district we find that the Etraerio Club of La Grange has presented the city with eighteen garbage cans, have \$118.00 in cash to purchase a street sprinkler, and had placards with the law relative to defacing public buildings placed in the postoffice. The Smithville Shakespeare Club recently gave a Y. M. C. A. benefit. The Reading Club, Orange, gave a large collection of pictures to the schools. The Flatonja Shakespeare Club donated a public library to

the city, by each member giving a book; influenced the city council to pass a law prohibiting expectorating on sidewalks and in public buildings; bought garbage cans for the city, and had the school children sign a pledge promising to throw all scraps and fruit peelings in the garbage cans. The Twentieth Century Club, Beaumont, originated the garden contest and with the assistance of the Woman's Reading Club, carried to completion a grand celebration of Arbor Day. Fifteen hundred children met in the city park and with the citizens of the town engaged in a 'free tree' ceremony. Four thousand free trees were distributed. The city street gang planted for two days on the school grounds and streets. Pictures of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin were presented to each of the three white schools and to the colored high school. The Matinee Musical Club, Beaumont, is arranging to give a series of concerts, opening with Madam Gadski and closing with Kelley Cole. This club furnishes band concerts during the summer months. The Beaumont Shakespeare Club is strictly a study club. The Fortnightly Club, Brenham, had the Traveling Art Gallery with them in March, and the Quill Club are directing their energies toward the erection of a drinking fountain for the city. The Mothers' Club of the Alamo School, Galveston, fitted up a rest-room for the tired teachers; gave a Valentine Bazaar, which netted \$250, this money to be used in fitting up the assembly hall with a set of lights. The Juvenile Protective Association of Galveston is the only organization in the state that has but one aim, 'delinquent children' and their protection. The Woman's Health Protective Association, Galveston, is a Federation within itself. Eight hundred dollars worth of palms, trees and oleanders, besides smaller shrubs, have been set out over the city. The sea wall slope has been nicely sodded and palms and oleanders have been planted. The use of three lots was given, and the association has built a cottage costing \$900 and started a nursery. The Houston Heights Literary Club have

a standing committee on charity that is doing a great work, while the Current Literature Club, Houston, and Ladies' Reading Club, Houston, are lending their efforts towards libraries and civics. The Houston Civic Club has beautified the City Park with plants, and has assisted the city in giving free concerts there all summer; has donated a fountain and arranged a number of amusements for the children. The Woman's Club, Houston, is responsible for the free kindergarten and the Houston Pen Women are doing much towards library work. The Waco Shakespeare Club had children's story hour at the library for four weeks when six hundred were present one day. At the Flower Show last year the Waco Federated Clubs had a miniature park to enlighten the citizens in civics. The Waco Press Club are doing missionary work in the way of sending yearly a sum of money to a struggling band of women in Mexico, who are trying to make better social conditions in their section. The Fourth District responded to the scholarship loan fund and paid over to the state treasurer \$240." Mrs. Edward A. Arnim of Flatonia was elected the new presiding officer.

The Standard and Pallas Clubs of Greenville had the honor of entertaining the Third District, on April 16 and 17, 1907. "39 clubs reported their course of study; six clubs studied Shakespeare exclusively, 11 clubs included Shakespeare, 22 clubs covered various fields from civics to Browning, while several included music in their study—the Girls' Chapter, Ennis, Lotus Eaters, Carthage, New Century Club, Clarksville, and the Dixie Club, Palestine. The Corsicana XXth Century Club included Italian music in its study of that country while the Texarkana Wednesday Club devoted itself exclusively to music and composers. The Quid Nunc Club, Tyler, Clover Club, Kaufman, and Standard Club, Winnsboro, introduced music into their programs. Several clubs had a music and art day, while many had special programs on child study, household economics,

Texas history, Arbor Day. The Pioneer Club of Terrell and Pallas Club of Greenville had Bible day. Several clubs had a parliamentary critic and programs on parliamentary law. Three clubs adopted the Bay View course. In outside work 17 clubs made civics their specialty, this including the beautifying of school rooms, of school and court houses, grounds, and of city cemeteries, and improvement of sanitary conditions generally. Both the Standard Club of Winnsboro and the Woman's Wednesday Book Club of Wills Point united their forces on a public school auditorium. The Twentieth Century Club of Daingerfield furnished the stage of their new public school's auditorium, and are pledged to procure a piano for the same. The New Century Club of Clarksville has centered its efforts on the erection of a club house. The New Era Club, Corsicana, purchased an organ, thus to further the teaching of music in their public schools. The Dixie Club of Palestine was our first club to secure passage of a resolution by city council, for paving sidewalks over the entire town. The '99 Club of Mount Pleasant accompanied their resolution to the city council urging co-operation on special civic lines, with a gift of metal trash cans. The Longview Standard Club and Shakespeare Club, organizing a city federation, worked in behalf of their cemetery. The '81 Club of Jefferson, in co-operation with the Civic League and school children, placed an iron fence around the school grounds. More than half our clubs have made the city library their special work with the result that our 25 club towns have 19 libraries, including 8 Carnegies." The clubs of Terrell, Tyler, Palestine, Paris, Jefferson, Marshall, Corsicana and Greenville all gave benefits for their town libraries. This district has raised at least \$2000 for library work this year. The president's report says: "The work which constitutes the special pride of the district is its Educational Aid Fund. Last year \$212.50 was raised. Last November at El Paso an Educational Loan Fund was established, and our efforts this year toward this

fund amounted to \$265.30, thus making a sum total of \$477.87." The program at the Greenville meeting included a symposium on education which elicited much interest. The clubs enjoyed telling of their social activities in discussing the topic "Shall Our Club Meetings Have a Social Feature?" Nearly all had one day to greet husbands and fathers as well as friends; some held receptions for the citizens; several introduced distinguished visitors to their townspeople,—artists, actors, lecturers, through receptions. Mrs. S. G. Edwards of Terrell was elected to succeed Mrs. S. J. Wright.

The mid-year meeting of the Executive Board was held in Cleburne April 20, 1907, as guests of the Second District. The Executive Board met in the home of Mrs. D. J. Olliger, at 9 o'clock, Mrs. Cone Johnson, president, in the chair. Roll-call showed the following members present: Mrs. Cone Johnson, President; Mrs. Henry Fall, Mrs. S. J. Wright, Mrs. T. W. Wiley, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. J. W. Wright, of Tyler, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. George K. Meyer, Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Calaway, State Secretary to General Federation; Mrs. Bacon Saunders and Mrs. J. C. Terrell, and the following chairmen of committees: Mrs. William Christian, Library; Mrs. C. T. Work, Home Economics; Mrs. C. W. Connery, Music; Mrs. J. J. Arthur, History; Mrs. A. Hicks, Printing; Mrs. Joe Cockrell, Program; Mrs. Fred Robinson, Press. From the official records, one learns that Mrs. William Christian of Houston "requested the Executive Board to send out the legal notice to the clubs proposing to amend Article IV of the Constitution by adding Section 2, 'Chairmen of Standing Committees should attend all meetings of the Executive Board and shall be entitled to a vote in those meetings.'" A majority vote was cast in favor of this action. Mrs. T. W. Wiley, McKinney, presented her report as Fifth Vice-President and retired to preside over the District Convention, then in session. The new

Outlook Committee recommended that the Federation endorse the Pure Food bill introduced by Representative W. L. Blanton of Gainesville. This bill was practical and the enforcement of it was placed in the hands of a dairy and food commission, with headquarters at the College of Industrial Arts and under its supervision. This committee also recommended that the property rights of married women should be given a place on the program at the state meeting at Waco. Applications from three new clubs were received and recommended for admission at the state convention. Wharton Mutual Improvement Club wished to enter as four departments, instead of three. Granted, the legal requirement of dues being met. The afternoon session of the Board was held in Carnegie Library at 1:30 p. m. A discussion on representation in the Mothers' Congress was held, resulting in the following resolution: "Resolved, That it is the sense of the Executive Board of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs that the chairman of the Educational Committee place emphasis on the importance of the organization of Mothers' Clubs in connection with our public schools, and that she urge upon the presidents of the various districts the necessity of activity in this phase of school betterment. Signed: Mrs. W. H. Callaway, Mrs. H. B. Fall, Committee." Music Committee had new plan for the Musical Evening at the state meeting; to have first part devoted to original compositions, and the second part given by the best artists that could be secured. Through the Home Economics Committee this resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the Executive Board of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs express its appreciation of the gift of Miss Eleanor Brackenridge of \$1,000.00 for the establishment and support of a summer school of domestic science and industrial arts for the benefit of the women of Texas. This school session is to be held in the College of Industrial Arts at Denton this summer." A desire was expressed by Mesdames Terrell and Pennybacker that Mr.

Enos Mills, the forestry expert, could be secured for an address at the state meeting. Mrs. Bacon Saunders was appointed to represent the Texas Federation at the American Anti-Tuberculosis Association which meets in Atlantic City June 1, 1907. Granbury, having been attached to Second District by mistake, belonging geographically to First District, the president was authorized to have the mistake rectified.

Mrs. S. J. Wright reported that the Third District had raised its quota of the Educational Loan Fund. Mrs. Florence (Henry B.) Fall reported work of her district. Program Committee announced dates fixed for the Waco Convention as November 12-15, 1907. Mrs. Bacon Saunders asked the president to request the Waco local committee to change dates so as not to conflict with the state convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The History Committee asked for a historical sketch of Waco on the convention program. By motion of Mrs. Cree T. Work, the money collected for the Educational Loan Fund was turned over to the state treasurer. A Finance Committee was created, and the president appointed thereon: Mrs. Olga Kohlberg, El Paso; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth; Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham. After resolutions conveying thanks for the hospitalities extended them by the Cleburne clubwomen in sharing the many good things provided for their district meeting, the Board adjourned to meet in Waco the day before the tenth annual convention.

The Second District held its meeting on the 19th and 20th of April, at Cleburne, Mrs. T. W. Wiley presiding. The story of this meeting is told in a few words in the abridged minutes of the Waco meeting contained in the Federation year-book for 1908-9: "Mrs. T. W. Wiley gave a glowing account of the District meeting at Cleburne, reviewing Home Economics, Pure Food, Hay Box for Cooking, Libraries, and one music prize won. The convention was held in the elegant Carnegie Library Hall. The program was full and attractive. The work of the clubwomen of the Second District for

the past year has been more progressive than ever before; especially active in home economics, and work for pure food laws. The ladies were enthused with the idea of the 'Hay Box' for cooking, not only as labor-saving, but as demonstrating the fact that a clubwoman can attend all of her clubs and serve delicious, wholesome meals. The growth of the kindergarten work was phenomenal. Mrs. Harry Obenchain of Dallas was elected as the new presiding officer of the Second District."

The Fifth District met in Goliad for its sixth convention April 9, 10, 1907. Mrs. C. L. Condit of Austin was the presiding officer. Here, too, for lack of filed reports, all there is on record of this meeting are some clipped newspaper accounts of what such-and-such a club reported "at Goliad"—no date. The Four O'Clock Club, Goliad, in making its report says "we felt it a great privilege to entertain so notable a gathering of women, and the great benefits we derived therefrom will ever be remembered." The Four O'Clock Club "assisted in beautifying Fannin Park; observed March 20th as 'Clean-Up Day'; assisted other clubs in planting shade-trees around school-grounds; have met all the Federation obligations. New Century Club of Del Rio has a membership of only ten and the population of their town is largely foreign, yet they expect to persevere until great things are accomplished." The reports of the San Antonio clubs, in what they have done for education and civic betterment, always arouse interest, they are so full of initiative, courage and achievement. The City Federation of San Antonio is composed of 23 clubs. During the past year about \$4000.00 was expended by these clubs for the improvement of schools and better civic conditions. 18 of these clubs are Mothers' Clubs, make full monthly reports of their programs. The Self-Culture Club is a study club, but for two years has taken the free kindergarten as its special outside work. The Phoenix Club takes a keen interest in the schools. The Woman's Club has three departments, philanthropy, music and literature; this

club persisted until it secured a police matron; Miss Eleanor Brackenridge was the founder of this club; it has sent out traveling libraries, and helped in the organization of 14 clubs; helped to install domestic science, manual training and school gardens in the city's school system. The Free Kindergarten Association has opened a new building and is caring for 85 pupils. The Monday Club of Corpus Christi reports purchasing two lots to add to the city park—one lot paid for at cost of \$2000.00—the other to cost \$1500.00. Corpus Christi Clubs built a hall out over the water for use in public affairs. El Paso worked to enforce anti-expectoration laws and place good art in homes and schools. The Austin school board gives dollar for dollar that the women raise. In the election, Mrs. Lee Joseph of Cuero became the new presiding officer.

The First District meeting held its fifth annual convention in Colorado, Texas, April 23-25, 1907. Mrs. Bidwell presided, and in her yearly report, sums up the activities of the clubs in tabulated form—14 clubs do library work; 9 clubs work along educational lines; 3 clubs, kindergarten; 2 music; 1 philanthropy; 1 rest-room; 7 civic improvement. The Standard Club of Colorado assisted its High School in affiliating with the State University; Woman's Club, Colorado, trying to establish a free kindergarten in school; the Hesperian Club, Colorado, strives to advance Federation work; all three clubs donated to the Educational Loan Fund. Sorosis Club, Sweetwater, awards gold medal each year to senior making highest grade in studies. Civic improvement is the special work of 1904 Club, Quanah; Hyperion Club, Big Spring; Thursday Club, Bowie; Magazine Club, Haskell; Home Science Club, Vernon; Yamparika Club, Vernon; Unity Club, Wichita Falls. The Woman's Wednesday Club, Midland, contributed \$450.00 for improvement of school grounds. Twentieth Century Club, Weatherford, maintains a rest-room through which they distribute good literature to rural districts. Amount subscribed to Loan Fund \$150.00;

contributed by 14 clubs. Fort Worth is the largest city in the district, and the work of its efficient clubs is an inspiration always to the clubs of the small towns. The excellent program for the District meeting was arranged by Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth. The Colorado clubs "entertained the district in such a royal and hospitable manner that each delegate and visiting clubwoman carried home with her pleasant memories."

In preparing to entertain the Federation for its tenth birthday party, the Waco clubwomen decided to raise the money themselves, and have it in the bank before the clubs took their summer vacation. Each club belonging to the City Federation was assessed its share of the estimated expense and used its own methods to secure its pro rata. These plans were successfully carried out, and when the clubs re-convened in the early fall, they had only to plan how to spend their entertainment fund, not how to acquire it. In compliance with the request of Mrs. Johnson, the dates had been changed to November 19-22, 1907. Hotel Metropole was selected as headquarters. The Majestic Theatre was secured for all sessions, except that Baylor University requested that one session be held in its handsome chapel.

The Executive Board met in the Business Men's Club Rooms at 10 a. m. Monday, November 19, 1907, Mrs. Cone Johnson in the chair. The following members were present: Mrs. H. B. Fall, Mrs. J. W. Wright, Mrs. J. W. Rainey, Acting Treasurer, Bonham; Mrs. W. A. Callaway, Mrs. E. P. Turner, Mrs. Edward Rotan, Mrs. L. Aubrey, Acting Recording Secretary; Mrs. Cree T. Work, Mrs. George Bancroft, Mrs. J. E. Townsend, El Paso; Mrs. Axford Hicks, Mrs. F. B. Robinson, Mrs. R. J. Thomas, Mrs. G. B. Foscue, Waco; Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris; Mrs. Bacon Saunders. The names of 14 clubs (which included the three applying at Cleburne), properly vouched for, were presented by Mrs. J. W. Wright, Tyler, Corresponding Secretary. They were unanimously recommended for membership.

Gainesville moved from First to Second District, and Brownwood from Fifth to Fourth District by request of local clubs. "Mrs. E. P. Turner moved that men 'may be' admitted as associate or honorary members—adopted." Palestine Self-Culture Club and Cleburne Shakespeare Club withdrew—accepted. Letter from Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker recommended uniform size for State Year Books—7½x5 inches. At the Monday afternoon session, Mrs. Cone Johnson made her report to the Executive Board "recommending especially that a history of the Federation be compiled for the last ten years in permanent form." She urged that greater efforts must be made to educate public sentiment in favor of a Library Commission—to have the Texas people see the necessity for it—the great good accruing from it—it was with a sense of deepest disappointment that the Federation faced the loss of its bill this year—but greater effort must be put forth for the next legislature. She thought it would benefit the cause for well-informed clubwomen to go before the Press Associations, the Teachers' Associations, Business Men's Conventions, and show what would be gained by having a Library Commission. "Now is the opportune time to secure the Home Economics Extension course for the College of Industrial Arts. Agitation and personal letters to our legislators will secure the needed appropriation. All hands should unite in agitating the need of a Forestry Commission." Several changes affecting committees were recommended by the Board to the convention for adoption. "It was recommended that a committee be appointed to work with Judge G. P. Webb of Sherman in formulating a plan for a state Girls' Industrial School, Mrs. Cone Johnson to be one of the committee of three—adopted." In a few gracious words, Mrs. Cone Johnson thanked the Board and committee chairmen for "the spirit of friendship, fealty and fellowship which has characterized our relations." Board then adjourned. On account of the absence of Mrs. George K. Meyer of Dallas, Recording Secretary, Mrs.

Llewellyn Aubrey of Waco was appointed Acting Recording Secretary.

The tenth annual convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was called to order by Mrs. Cone Johnson in the Majestic Theatre at 10 a. m. Tuesday, November 20th. Quoting the Waco Times-Herald: "The scene was a tribute to Texas citizenship. The blue and the white festoon fell from the Lone Star. The wild smilax from the Texas woods was everywhere in evidence. The natural chrysanthemums from Waco's own gardens grew in box and urn. The Majestic lights flooded the whole. On the stage were the flower of Texas womanhood, the Executive Board, Mrs. J. W. Downs, president of the City Federation, Mrs. E. H. Dickson who sounded the first gavel for the Texas Federation and Mrs. M. W. Sims who represented the Texas clubwomen in responding to the addresses of welcome from Waco. There sat, too, by special invitation, official delegations from the Business Men's Club, from the Library Association, from the City Educational Board, and local law makers. Truly, this was an endorsement of the clubwoman's work. This group faced a body of women come from El Paso to Galveston, from Denison to Del Rio, to confer for four days on the betterment of the homes of Texas. One of the most interested listeners was Mrs. John Threadgill, president of the Oklahoma Federation."

After the opening exercises, including addresses of welcome from various organizations, with appropriate responses, there followed the presentation of several gifts since this was a birthday party. Mrs. C. J. Glover, chairman of the Badge Committee, presented Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Threadgill beautiful souvenir badges. The long streamers bore the Texas blue-bonnet, the Federation flower. Mrs. Threadgill's was fastened by the Texas Federation pin. A mammoth Texas star of carnations and smilax was presented, also a framed collection of Waco views, individual pads with pencils, and the official programs, containing Waco scenes.

Thus, the Federation birthday was remembered. The birthday feature was continued in Mrs. Rotan's reading some notes from the original Federation meeting." The president requested any present who were at that organization meeting to rise. Mesdames Edward Rotan, J. C. Terrell and W. D. Christian, formerly of Terrell, now of San Antonio, responded. The roll-call of "first meeting" clubs showed six of the charter clubs represented by delegates. Just here the Euterpean Club of Waco came upon the stage and sang the following Federation song, composed for the occasion by Miss Decca Lamar West of Waco. A vote of thanks was extended her:

A FEDERATION SONG.

Oh, Texas, 'tis of thee,
Home of the brave and free,
Of thee we sing;

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From sun-kissed rolling plain
Down to the bounding main
Of Mexico shore,
No such blessings are found
As do in thee abound;
Choicest soil all around,
We thee adore!

Land of cotton and corn
Fair state where we were born,
Best place on earth;
Schools, churches, havens where
The weary rest from care,
Finding kind hearts there,
We know thy worth!

Great tasks we have to do—
Work here for me, for you,
Federation!
Our homes shall be the test,
Children have the best,
Leave we to God the rest,
Federation!

Mrs. John Threadgill gave an account of the work in her state. Credential Committee announced 106 delegates present. These 14 clubs, recommended by the Executive Board, were unanimously elected to membership: 1906 Club, Alice; Self-Culture Club, Bellville; Iris Club, Cooper; Ladies' Literary Club, Dalhart; Falfurrias Civic Association, Falfurrias; Ladies' Auxiliary School, Flatonia; Sorosis Club, Fort Worth; Monday Music Club, Marshall; Shakespeare Club, Mart; Fannin School Mothers' Club, San Antonio; XXth Century Club, San Antonio; Self-Culture Club, Santa Anna; Saturday Club, Sweetwater; Euterpean Club, Waco. Mrs. Fred Fleming, for Program Committee, presented the subject matter of the official program as their report; the booklet itself was the gift of our honorary member Mr. E. P. Turner, who has done this kindly act for years.

"Upon the adjournment for luncheon, just two doors below, the guests found themselves enjoying their first birthday surprise. Here the Mary West Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, assisted by a special committee of clubwomen, were hostesses. The luncheon room challenged intense admiration. The ceiling and walls of white were traced delicately with the Southern smilax, caught here, there and everywhere by the lit incandescents of red and white, which played upon the snow-white tables set with the chapter colors, white and red. Here complimentary lunches were served the Executive Board and the delegates each day. Hundreds, clubwomen with their husbands, and citi-

zens in general, gathered every day to meet the guests and to entertain during the luncheon hours."

Tuesday afternoon's session brought out these important matters: Report of Corresponding Secretary told of 3320 letters and circulars sent, 1250 received. Recommended that small clubs devote themselves to one department of Federation work, and that all clubs have uniform election day. Mrs. Kohlberg moved that clubs adopt a uniform time for elections—March preferred. Reason for selecting this month, because state year-books were issued early in April, and would thus contain the very latest lists of club officers, facilitating Federation correspondence. Motion carried. Reports of State Vice-presidents covered the work in their districts.

President's Evening was distinctive in Federation history, in that it was combined with the first Peace Conference ever held in Texas. The audience was assembled in the handsome Carroll Chapel of Baylor University. A large number of students from the universities occupied the galleries, while citizens, visitors and delegates filled the auditorium. Dr. Trueblood of Boston, addressed the audience upon the principles of peace. Mrs. Pennybacker in a brilliant speech represented the clubwomen of Texas in the Conference; Miss Hofer, the distinguished kindergartener of Chicago, gave a talk and Mrs. Johnson delivered her annual address. It seemed fitting that in the city where the Federation was born, and to which it had returned upon invitation to celebrate its tenth birthday, that Mrs. Johnson should sum up some of the things accomplished by the great moral force let loose through the woman's club movement. "The Federation has helped to establish 65 libraries; there are now 20 Carnegie libraries; 28 public libraries operated by clubwomen, and 53 traveling libraries sent out by the clubs." Although the Library Commission bill failed of passage this time, it will be presented to the next legislature in still stronger form, and in the interim, favorable public sentiment

will be created. 31 scholarships have been extended through the Federation to deserving young women, eager for greater opportunities. The custom of having a paper on the local history of every town where a Federation district or state convention assemblies has become a permanent feature. In this administration, musical talent has been stimulated to original composition by the offer of two gold medals and the honor of appearing on the program at yearly conventions. The Educational Conference called in Austin in the summer to which representatives from the Federation were sent, formed itself into a permanent organization for better educational facilities in Texas and a compulsory education law." Mrs. Johnson spoke of the "30th legislature as one which will be remembered with gratitude by the women of Texas for the great number of beneficent laws enacted in which the women of Texas are directly interested: laws defining dependent and delinquent children; establishing a juvenile court; making the abandonment of a wife and children by the husband a crime; and laws regulating the adoption of children; the pure food law placing the operation of it at the College of Industrial Arts; appropriations for a dormitory at the College and a law recognizing its diplomas; the introduction of kindergarten into the public schools; and providing for the teaching of elementary agriculture and the evil effects of alcoholic drinks. The school law was greatly strengthened. A concurrent resolution was adopted requesting Congress to set aside as a National forest reserve a great tract of land in New Mexico, which affects the water supply of three of our great streams and the Staked Plains. Provision for the purchase of additional land for San Jacinto Park and a constitutional amendment submitted for a Confederate Wives and Widows Home. This is pretty good for one legislature and they are all laws which have been earnestly advocated by the champion of this state. The Juvenile Court law has passed, and

"the gratitude of all Texas is due Mrs. E. P. Turner who worked so valiantly for this measure."

Wednesday morning opened with an Educational Conference, the Loan Fund taking precedence in interest. \$888.43 had been collected in the five districts; the greater part already out in two and three year loans to girls who were recipients of the Federation scholarships. Discussion upon the report of the Education Committee resulted in the purpose to continue raising money for the Loan Fund; to accept scholarships for boys as well as girls; and to let the Educational Conference give the word when the time was ripe for agitating a compulsory education law. Mrs. E. A. Arnim, Flatonia, proposed the scholarship for boys. Mrs. R. H. Hill, Waco, at once donated two for boys in Hill's Business College. Three scholarships in the College of Industrial Arts have been received since the last report. The Kindergarten Committee rejoiced over passage of the Kindergarten bill, urged women to see that its provisions were carried out, and gave accounting of Sarah Elizabeth Weaver memorial scholarship. Home Economics Committee stressed the introduction of domestic science and manual training into the schools and told the clubwomen some effort on their part would meet with glad co-operation from superintendents and teachers in 20 towns in Texas right then. The newly appointed Pure Food Commissioner, Dr. J. S. Abbott, gave a strong talk on the Pure Food Law, following the committee's report. To make the law effective women must help enforce it, serve as deputies, examine food, get samples of any doubtful articles for analysis and educate the community to better sanitary regulations regarding food.

Wednesday afternoon's session was devoted to Civics, and its sub-committee Parks and School Grounds: Mrs. J. E. Townsend of El Paso, chairman, said the clubs had been requested to report what they had done under the general reference to "Municipal Sanitation, Municipal Cleanliness and The City Beautiful." Clubs have

established rest-rooms for the farmers' wives; in San Antonio, a home for wayward boys has been established; children's leagues have been formed, pledging themselves to assist in keeping parks and school grounds clean. Parks and School Grounds Committee report that increased interest among clubs has accomplished most gratifying results. Tree planting has largely increased, especially in our prairie towns. The need for the towns to acquire their park property while land is cheap and easily acquired is being recognized more and more. Trees have been planted on court house grounds in Athens, Calvert, Center, Oak Cliff, Denton, Jefferson, Mexia—in other towns clubs have planted from five to five hundred trees on school grounds and vacant lots which they are beautifying for parks. If the Federation would set aside a November day for Federation Arbor Day—that being tree planting time in Texas—the appearance of many of our towns would be improved and the general benefit be incalculable. When the women had lunched, a number of men had been added to the regular convention attendance to hear the address of Mr. Enos Mills, the representative of the government, on Forestry. Dr. Mills had been heard in Texas a number of times, but his talk before this convention was uncommonly inspiring, since he expressed a feeling that he was talking to a body of women who "do things." He recommended that clubwomen organize committees to visit county superintendents and to go before all teachers' institutes, etc., and extend the doctrines of tree and bird preservation through the rural teacher, who has the training of the future farmer, and who also comes in contact with the farmer of the present. He recommended the Audubon society work to the clubwomen in its efforts to save bird life. He added that the study of tree life should be made a part of the nature studies in our schools, and that children's interest should be aroused by asking them to study the chief trees of Texas with a view to voting on a "state tree" for Texas. A rising vote of

thanks was extended to Mr. Mills. Mrs. Pennybacker graphically reported the Council Meeting of the General Federation at Norfolk, Va., in June. She said the Texas report of Mrs. Callaway had been considered one of the best in conciseness and clearness. Miss Decca Lamar West, Waco, read a splendid historical sketch of Waco.

After adjournment the clubwomen enjoyed a social cup of tea with the Waco Shakespeare Club at the beautiful new home of their president, Mrs. G. B. Foscue. The state officers received the delegates, who were presented to Mrs. John Threadgill, and Mrs. Edward Rotan, the first president. As the last pleasantry, the birthday cake, for the Shakespeare Club was just ten years also, was brought out on a beautifully decorated table. Miss Kate Friend presided and the ten burning candles were each blown out with some appropriate sentiment expressed by Mesdames Threadgill, Johnson, Fall, Phelan of Dallas, Schreiner of Kerrville, Sullivan of San Antonio, Pennybacker of Austin, Peters of Waxahachie, and Bacon Saunders of Fort Worth.

The "Musical Evening" Wednesday gave much pleasure to the delegates, also the pride of feeling that through their Music Committee they were stimulating original production in Texas. About 30 scores were submitted for this contest, out of which prize compositions were selected to form Part I of the evening's program. Part II featured the finest Texas artists in the state. So well has Mrs. C. W. Connery, chairman of the Music Committee, and her colleagues raised the Federation standard, that it has become an honor to appear on the Federation program annually. As this Tenth Convention is a "birthday party," the clubwomen will appreciate this charming write-up from the pages of the Waco Times-Herald: "On Wednesday evening of the Federation, the most imposing scene in Federation history was found in Carroll Chapel of Baylor University. This auditorium with its marble stairways and bronze balustrades, its mammoth dome of colored

glass and its stage set with marble Corinthian frame seemed indeed an abiding place for the Muse of Music. On the stage was the handsome chapel organ with its pipes of blue and gold. Mrs. Jester's exquisite gold Italian harp was set. The green and the gold of the Baylor pennant made the balcony fringe, while stately palms and the peace flag waved. And the audience, eight hundred of the Baylor students with a large number from the Texas Christian University! Waco's Euterpean Club in a body! Local musicians, visting musicians, clubwomen with their escorts; the Texas men attending the Peace Conference, citizens in general, these to the number of four thousand, formed the audience for this evening! On the stage in full dress were the musicians and the Federation Executive Board. Mrs. Connery presided, and presented the contest medals to Miss Julia D. Owens of Fort Worth and Miss Belle Biard of Bonham. Those who gave the program were in three groups, Texas composers, prize compositions and Texas artists. In the first group were Mrs. L. A. Suggs of Fort Worth, Mrs. Birdal Hicks of Denton, Mrs. George H. Carpenter of Brownwood, Mrs. L. E. McClurney of McKinney, Miss M. M. Boylan of Denton, Mrs. F. I. Howells of Waco, Mrs. A. M. Graves of Clarksville, and Mrs. C. B. Townsend of Austin. For the prize compositions there were Mrs. M. B. Gray of Bonham, Miss Julia D. Owens of Fort Worth (played by Miss Farnsworth of Waco), Mrs. Crab Griffith of Terrell, Miss Belle Biard of Bonham, Miss Kathleen Hutchison of Dallas, Mrs. F. A. Anderson of Waco, and Miss Emi Waltermire of Honey Grove. The Texas artists were Mrs. L. L. Jester of Tyler, Mrs. A. H. Armstrong of Wharton, Mrs. W. G. Burton of Fort Worth, Miss Cora Lee Jennings of Waco, Mrs. Herbert Chamberlain of Dallas, Miss Della Dopplemayer of Marshall, Mrs. A. P. Baldwin of Tyler, and Mrs. Nettie Everett Groom of Fort Worth. Miss Bessie Farnsworth of Waco was the Federation accompanist."

Thursday morning, November 22, from 9 to 9:30, Mrs. Florence (Henry B.) Fall, Houston, led a Library

Conference. Minutes of regular session record this business transacted: Lecture Committee discontinued, as having served its mission; the name "Reciprocity Committee" changed to "Literary Committee." Mrs. Eli Hertzberg sent report of Art Committee, which told that the State's Art Gallery had been discontinued, but 25 clubs had engaged the collection of the General Federation. The secretary called roll for the Sarah Elizabeth Weaver Memorial Scholarship and clubs responded, bringing the amount on hand to \$517.95. Turned over to Mrs. J. B. Nabors of Dallas, chairman of the fund. Mrs. C. W. Connery, chairman, presented the Music Committee's report. Seven manuscripts were offered last year in the musical contest, this year we have more than thirty, and have located more than forty composers. Miss Julia D. Owens of Fort Worth received the Hertzberg medal for the best piano composition, and for the best voice composition Miss Belle Biard of Bonham received the Connery medal. Mrs. Winfield Scott of the Euterpean Club, Fort Worth, offers a gold medal for the best original piano composition for next year, and for the voice composition the Euterpean Club, Fort Worth, offers a gold medal. We would recommend that our Texas composers enter the General Federation contest. They offer three prizes for American-born composers: Class I, orchestral composition, \$1000.00; Class 2, vocal solo composition, \$500; Class 3, piano solo composition, \$500. We have also secured two more music scholarships; voice scholarship, Waco Conservatory; piano scholarship, Southwestern Conservatory, Dallas. We suggest that each music club have one artists' recital during the club year. The music clubs of Vernon, Beaumont, Brenham, Brownwood, El Paso, Wharton, Waco and Fort Worth have sent in very encouraging reports. The band concerts in the public parks continue to grow in public favor and several prominent musical societies have associated themselves with the Federation. We earnestly *desire each club to offer at least one special attraction each year for the benefit of the public and in this way*

popularize the cultivation of good music. We hope the time may not be far distant when any gifted child in the public school will not be deprived of necessary training for lack of opportunity of instruction. We feel that the study of music is ethical in that it tends to ennoble, uplift and better mankind. We feel, as expressed by our own Southern poet, Lanier, that, 'Music means harmony, harmony means love, and love means God.' "

The noon interim was filled by the elegant buffet luncheon given by Mrs. Edward Rotan, complimenting the State Executive Board, chairmen of committees, delegates and her own club, the Woman's Club. To assist, there were invited a few special friends. More than two hundred guests were present. Mrs. Cone Johnson, in the name of the Executive Board, presented Mrs. Rotan with a handsome silver loving cup, filled, Mrs. Johnson said, with the love of every clubwoman in Texas for Mrs. Rotan. The luncheon closed with all gathering about the piano in the large hallway and joining in one grand chorus of the Federation song composed by the late Mr. C. H. Cox. (See page 76.)

At Thursday afternoon's session, Dr. W. S. Sutton of the State University spoke on educational matters, and Judge G. P. Webb of Sherman told of difficulties yet connected with the Juvenile Court law. Mrs. Kohlberg moved that the chair appoint a committee of three including the chair, to confer with Judge G. P. Webb's committee. Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas, spoke earnestly for an industrial school for juvenile offenders. Upon motion the Federation endorsed the efforts of the Educational Conference to create a sentiment for the amendment to the State Constitution, that a simple majority vote, instead of a two-thirds vote as heretofore, should be sufficient for carrying school appropriations, and that the rural districts be authorized to levy a tax of 50 cents on the hundred dollars.

"On Thursday evening, the clubwomen of Waco were at home to the clubwomen in a reception-dance at the

Philo Club. The club husbands and the Philo members were hosts in number as well as in service, and on no occasion have the clubwomen received more untiring attention. The grand march was impressive. Mr. Lee Davis, president of the Philo Club, led with Mrs. Cone Johnson, Mr. Edward Rotan came next escorting Mrs. John Threadgill, followed by two hundred couples. The reception hour passed, the younger folks remained for a delightful dance."

"Friday morning, November 23, the Executive Board met in a brief session at 8:30. Application of As You Like It Club of Groveton was received and the club cordially recommended for membership. A letter was read asking the endorsement of the Y. W. C. A. movement; also a letter asking the women of America to note the conditions of Christian Armenian women in Turkey." A beautiful silver bowl was presented to Mrs. Cone Johnson in the name of the Executive Board by Mrs. Florence (Henry B.) Fall, a remembrance of their loving association with her for two years. Mrs. Johnson responded feelingly. Board adjourned.

Friday morning, Mrs. Florence N. Dancy, Houston, presented the resolutions. They embodied declarations in favor of a pure press; endorsement of the Bureau of Forestry, and a pledge to secure interest in state forestry laws; to study the legal status of women in Texas, each club being requested to give one day's program to consideration of this topic; that all clubs hold election of officers in March; to endorse the work of the Texas Five Million Club and pledge this movement their moral support; endorsement of the Young Women's Christian Association movement throughout the state; endorsement of Texas Conference for Education, and a pledge of support towards securing favorable legislation, and the Federation placed itself on record as favoring a compulsory education law in Texas; to request the next legislature to make sufficient appropriation for establishing the extension work in domestic science in our College of Industrial Arts, and that the club-

women put forth effort toward securing a regular income for the higher state educational institutions; that the Federation unite with the State Teachers' Association in extending an invitation to the National Educational Association to convene in Texas in 1909; recommended that the Committee on Parks and School Grounds be made a Standing Committee; the endorsement of ordinances looking to removal of unsightly billboards and posters; to continue the musical contest; to endorse the introduction of the Y. M. C. A. work in connection with the State University; that the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs accept gifts of scholarships for boys as well as girls; that a new Standing Committee be created to be called the Pure Food Committee; recommended that men be admitted to the Federated clubs as honorary or associate members. "Whereas, The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs worked for the enactment of a juvenile court law; and, Whereas, these laws are restricted in their benefit because of the need of an industrial home school or schools for delinquent children; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs pledges its interest in, and support of, this special work and recommends to the incoming administration that attention be given it." "Resolved, That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs use their individual and collective effort to influence local sentiment to the end that the local board of education should open at least one public school kindergarten. Recommended, *That a history of the work of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs for the last ten years be compiled and put in permanent form.* Resolved, That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs endorse the introduction of the Young Men's Christian Association in the University at Austin." Added to these the committee in fitting and graceful words, thanked all who had assisted in any way to make this "tenth birthday party" the eminent success it had proven to be. The amendment to the constitution allowing chairmen of Standing Committees a vote in the

Executive Board was "unanimously passed." Before adjournment, tellers were appointed for the elections in the afternoon: Mrs. J. W. Downs, of Waco; Mrs. Henry Redmond, Corpus Christi; and Mrs. C. B. Jones of Greenville.

At Friday afternoon's session, Mrs. R. C. Ledford, fortified with telegrams, extended an enthusiastic invitation to the Federation to meet in San Angelo in 1908, which was accepted.

The following officers were elected for 1907-1909: Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, Seguin, President; Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris, First Vice-President; Mrs. Harry Obenchain, Dallas, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Lee Joseph, Cuero, Third Vice-President; Mrs. S. G. Edwards, Terrell, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. George Langston, Cisco, Fifth Vice-President; Mrs. Edward A. Arnim, Flatonia, Sixth Vice-President; Mrs. William D. Syers, San Antonio, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. I. H. Burney, Fort Worth, Recording Secretary; Mrs. R. C. Shindler, Dalhart, Treasurer; Mrs. John R. Griffin, Itasca, Auditor; Miss Kate Daffan, Dallas, State Secretary to General Federation. These were presented to the delegates, each saying a few appropriate words, as did Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Edward Rotan. Mrs. Johnson then presented the gavel to Mrs. Dibrell, and declared the convention adjourned.

Mrs. Cone Johnson accepted an appointment on the Executive Board of the ensuing administration. Since then, though always remaining a firm friend of the Federation, she has, in general declined official position, and has shown the clubwomen how gracefully and modestly one who has held the high office of president can retire into the ranks. She responded to the call to national service, however, in 1912, when she was appointed Vice-president of the Woman's National Wilson and Marshall Democratic League. She worked diligently throughout the national campaign, and it is an accepted fact that the Woman's League materially assisted in re-electing President Wilson.





MRS. JOSEPH B. DIBRELL
Seguin

CHAPTER VII

THE SIXTH ADMINISTRATION.
1907—1909.

"Conservation of our forces, and efficiency should be our watchword, not only as pertaining to forests and waterways, but brought into practical everyday life. We must not scatter our interest, but consolidate on a purpose."

—Mrs. Dibrell, President's Address at Denison,
November 16, 1909.—

"A woman of great mental attainments and charming personality."

—Waco Times-Herald from a New Orleans Exchange, November 15, 1908.—

With so many conditions crying out for reform, in order that home and community life might be made better, it was a foregone conclusion that the next president of the Texas Federation would be brought into close touch with that law-making body—the Texas Legislature. The selection therefore of Mrs. Ella Dancy Dibrell as president was a fitting one. Her residence in Austin when her husband, the Honorable Joseph B. Dibrell, was state senator, her acquaintance with many legislators, her knowledge of official "red tape," brought her to the helm just at the right hour. The preceding administration had "cleaned up" a lot of things only to make room for more—according to the law of beneficent activity. That administration had strengthened the Federation forces by bringing about

a closer relation between town and country. By considering of equal importance the work in every department, by giving "symmetry and equality to all the work of the Federation," to quote Mrs. Johnson herself, the retiring president had turned over to her successor an army of women who were "keeping step." This administration then may be styled the legal one. The new leader of the Federation came well equipped for service, having borne official rank in many state organizations, and, when elected, was still serving as chairman of Civics in the General Federation. She had been president of the Texas Division U. D. C., very prominent in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Mrs. Dibrell's first act was to complete her official family by naming as the appointed members of the Executive Board, Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan; Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin. Standing Committees were: Art—Mrs. C. C. Cody, Georgetown, chairman; Miss Decca Lamar West, Waco; Mrs. P. G. Huston, Wharton. Badge—Mrs. J. W. Downs, Waco, chairman; Mrs. Milton Templeton, Waxahachie; Mrs. S. R. Coggin, Brownwood. Civics—Mrs. A. H. McCarty, Fort Worth, chairman; Mrs. J. E. Townsend, El Paso; Mrs. A. L. Knauer, Denison. Parks and School Grounds—Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi, chairman; Mrs. W. A. H. Miller, Cotulla; Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Center. Club Extension—Mrs. Henry B. Fall, Houston, chairman; Mrs. A. B. Griffith, Terrell; Mrs. George Willrich, La Grange. Education—Mrs. David F. Houston, Austin, chairman; Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Texarkana; Miss M. Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio. History—Miss Annie B. Hill, Galveston, chairman; Mrs. H. F. Ring, Houston; Mrs. S. K. Buchanan, Yoakum. Home Economics—Mrs. R. J. Thomas, Honey Grove, chairman; Mrs. H. W. Harrell, Georgetown; Mrs. Roxa R. Roberts, Brenham. Kindergarten—Mrs. T. P. Marshall, Dallas, chairman; Mrs. J. B. Nabors, Dallas; Mrs. J. G. Merritt, Colorado City. Library—Mrs. W. S. Banks, Temple, chairman; Mrs.

J. C. Terrell, Fort Worth; Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, Galveston. Literature—Mrs. Maggie Barry, Sherman, chairman; Mrs. Henry Redmond, Corpus Christi; Mrs. George Bancroft, Orange. Music—Miss Annie Halbert, Corsicana, chairman; Mrs. Lipscomb Norvell, Beaumont; Miss Mattie Viner, Jefferson. Printing—Mrs. J. Noyes Evans, San Antonio, chairman; Mrs. J. T. Smith, San Antonio; Mrs. W. D. Love, Uvalde. Program—Mrs. Olga Kohlberg, El Paso, chairman; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth; Mrs. R. H. Henderson, San Angelo. Pure Food—Mrs. Cree T. Work, Denton, chairman; Mrs. W. T. Wiley, McKinney; Mrs. B. G. Bidwell, Weatherford. Special Committees were: Finance—Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham, chairman; Mrs. Jo. Ewell, Goliad; Mrs. Thad B. Miller, Seguin. Industrial School—Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas, chairman; Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler; Mrs. L. B. Matthews, San Marcos. Laws Affecting Women and Children—Mrs. M. A. Spoons, Fort Worth, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Callaway, Dallas; Mrs. A. B. Storey, Lockhart. Outlook—Mrs. Gertha E. Lockard, Gainesville, chairman; Mrs. B. F. Klipstein, Beeville; Miss Binnie Doppelmayer, Marshall. Press—Miss Kate Friend, Waco, chairman; Miss Ella Cockrell, Abilene; Mrs. Nat G. Turney, Dallas; Mrs. George A. Collins, Greenville; Mrs. Florence N. Dancy, Houston; Miss Mamie Tate, Gonzales. Transportation—Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne, chairman; Mrs. R. C. Ledford, San Angelo; Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Longview.

The Third District met in Palestine April 2-3, 1908, in its seventh annual convention. Mrs. George Collins was the press supervisor for the Third District, and her bright account of this meeting, published in the Waco Times-Herald club columns of that day, has preserved the very spirit of the occasion: "The delegates and visiting clubwomen were met at the trains by the reception committee and were conveyed to houses which awaited them with a most cordial welcome. The first feature of the program was a drive at 4 p. m. to, and

a luncheon at, the Country Club. The club rooms were beautifully decorated. Mrs. A. R. Howard, president of the Dixie Club, in a few very appropriate words enhanced the already good feeling of fellowship." Distinguished guests were Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, past-president; Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, state president; Mrs. S. J. Wright, first vice-president; Mrs. S. G. Edwards of Terrell, fourth vice-president and presiding officer of this district.

"All meetings were held in the City Opera House, opening with President's Evening on April 2nd. Mrs. William Branagan, president of the City Federation, presided. Artistic musical numbers by the B Sharp Musical Club, Male Quartette Clubs, Mrs. Henry Bredden of Terrell, Mrs. Paul Sims Colley, Mrs. Hampson Gary of Tyler, interspersed the able addresses of Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, that of Mrs. S. J. Wright entitled *The Unhabitual Way*, and Mrs. Pennybacker's on *Dangers that Threaten the American Home*. Mrs. Edwards' annual address closed the program. The Friday morning session, April 3rd, was called to order promptly by Mrs. Edwards at 9:30 a. m. After hospitable greetings, the clubs gave their reports showing "that the interest in club work is becoming more effective from year to year. The Educational Loan Fund was gratifying, the amount pledged being \$133.50. Amount pledged to Sarah Weaver Memorial Scholarship, \$37.50; English scholarship, \$35.50. Miss Annie Williams of Greenville gave a talk on Federation Duties, which was spendid in conception and effectively rendered." Of the afternoon session the report says: "After two selections rendered by the B Sharp Musical Club, S. M. N. Marrs, superintendent of schools, gave an address on *Do the Duty That Lies Nearest Thee*, which was a most effective plea in behalf of the educational constitutional amendment which permits a larger school tax to be voted in all districts by a simple majority vote. Mrs. J. S. Blocker then read a paper on *Forestry in Public Schools*. Miss McLean of the

Greenville Standard Club led in the ensuing discussion." A scholarship from North Texas University at Terrell and a gold medal offered by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for best grade in Texas history, were gifts which were joyfully accepted. "The closing words of the president and the two musical numbers, one by Mrs. Fannie Durst of Tyler and the other by the musical club, concluded the business sessions. Friday at 12:30, Mrs. A. R. Howard, at her beautiful home, gave a buffet luncheon in honor of Mrs. Dibrell, Mrs. Pennybacker, Mrs. S. J. Wright, Mrs. S. G. Edwards, Mrs. Elenita Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Hughs, Mrs. H. R. Moore and Mrs. George Collins. "One of the most beautiful homes of Palestine is that of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Woodward Clarke, and it was at this home of charming hospitality that a reception was given on Friday evening to Governor and Mrs. T. M. Campbell, delegates, visting clubwomen, program components and hostesses. Governor Campbell was introduced by Mrs. A. R. Howard, after which he gave most cordial greetings." The 1881 Club of Jefferson invited the District to be its guest in 1909.

The seventh convention of the Fifth District was held in Georgetown, April 7-8, 1908. So comprehensive, yet concise, is the report of this meeting which appeared in the Waco Times-Herald of April 12, 1908, that it is here used: "Three impressions are lasting from the Fifth District meeting at Georgetown last Wednesday, and these are, whole-souled hospitality from the Georgetown women, an earnestness of purpose in the deliberations and the prevalence of good will among the guests. * * * All through Tuesday, the 7th, a large, as well as cordial, reception committee from the two Georgetown clubs with Mr. Lee Roundtree, chairman, were at the trains. All the homes were opened to guests and this latchstring of hospitality extended even to the transfer and the baggage man. The hostess and guests met, and the dust of travel shaken,

the first general assembly found all at the Methodist church for President's Evening. Among the special guests were the state president, Mrs. Joseph Dibrell, chairmen of state committees, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Kate Friend, Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Scott, past presiding officer of the district, Mrs. Condit of Austin, and appointed member of the executive board, Mrs. Pennybacker. There was a very large representation of clubs, a splendid body of women. On the rostrum sat Mrs. Dibrell, Mrs. Lee Joseph of Cuero, presiding officer of the district; Mrs. Willie Breeden of Cuero, secretary; Mrs. G. R. Scott of Corpus Christi, and Mrs. S. L. Moore of Goliad, as vice-presidents, also Dr. R. S. Hyer, regent of the Southwestern University, who had been invited to deliver an address on the Selfish Side of Club Life. There were songs, freely encored, from the Southwestern Glee Club to supplement the addresses of Mrs. Dibrell, Mrs. Joseph and Dr. Hyer. The stage paid tribute to the Federation flower, the blue bonnet, in such profusion that imagination might have felt a bit of the beautiful Georgetown prairie caught within doors. In their addresses Mrs. Dibrell touched more upon the General Federation subjects which affected Texas and Mrs. Joseph upon affairs of the Fifth District. At the close of the program there was adjournment to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cody, where, assisted by Mrs. Booty of Georgetown, an informal reception was held for the purpose of general introductions. On Wednesday morning it was work clothes on and back to the church for a very busy day, and one which found night's shades gathering before the last business was transacted, and adjournment was had, to meet at Victoria next year. At half past eight, a. m., Mrs. B. W. Klipstein, Mrs. U. A. H. Miller and Miss Myra Blair of Lampasas, as credential committee, began their duties. They scarce needed their report, since the full audience showed almost every club in the district represented. The local addresses of

welcome found Mrs. Alex Hamilton of Cuero responding in behalf of the district. Immediately, the committees began their reports and preliminaries were disposed of rapidly. Mrs. J. P. Laney of Lockhart appealed for the Educational Loan Fund, and at once the Fifth District pro rata was raised. The remainder of the morning was occupied with the individual club reports, and they were highly encouraging." Civic work showed good progress in the opening of parks, holding of summer band-concerts, establishment of flower missions, observance of "Clean-up Days," planting trees. Library work showed a steady growth. San Antonio clubs were working busily on the Juvenile Training School of Southwest Texas, also a public playground. The morning closed with the excellent address of Miss Marin Fenwick of San Antonio on Woman as a Citizen. Mrs. Solon Stewart of San Antonio read her report on parks and playgrounds. The discussion which followed developed renewed interest for Fannin park at Goliad, a marvel in park work for Beeville and Corpus Christi, renewed effort in the small park for Cuero, park prospect for Austin. Mrs. L. B. Matthews of San Marcos in written report announced activity in club extension. At noon adjournment was had to the spacious new dormitory of the Southwestern University, where beautiful luncheon tables were in waiting, with plates for nearly two hundred women. At each lay a souvenir blue bonnet menu and toast list. Truly the Georgetown women honored their Federation flower. Mrs. Pennybacker, as toastmaster superb, introduced between the courses, Mrs. Dibrell, Miss Friend, Mrs. Beulah Dimmitt of Georgetown, Mrs. Redmond and Mrs. Condit. Mrs. J. L. Landrum was chairman of the arrangement feature and Mrs. W. K. Makemson of the entertainment. The decorations, both church and lunch, were under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Sillure. At 2 o'clock, Mrs. Joseph turned over the gavel to Mrs. Scott, First Vice-president, who presided for a time. The women who presented the afternoon program

made this so interesting yet so full of good thought that the prolonged hour found no one restive. The topics were Civic Improvement, the Club and the Press, the Value of the General Federation and Laws in Texas Affecting Women and Children. Discussions from the floor showed that the delegates were all in touch with these subjects. A Mothers' hour found Mrs. Condit presiding. Here Mrs. T. P. Marshall of Dallas, state chairman of the kindergarten, presented the claims of kindergarten." Fifth District has contributed \$89 to the Sarah Elizabeth Weaver Memorial, and \$20 to the English scholarship. Woman's Literary Club gave a scholarship in the high school to a young student who graduated as valedictorian. Mesdames A. G. Schreiner of Kerrville and S. K. Buchanan of Yoakum discussed Woman as a Former, Not a Reformer, and Mrs. Drought of San Antonio, on The Problems of the Mother. Industrial Training was presented and Dr. Abbott spoke on Pure Food. Thus adjournment came with the delegates familiar with all the subjects of Federation work. Mrs. J. F. Stockton of Bartlett read the resolutions and the meeting was adjourned.

"The evening found a brilliant reception in the home of Mrs. C. S. Belford, where the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy were hostesses. They had asked that this might be their honor to the visitors, since many of the visiting clubwomen were also Daughters, and since Mrs. Dibrell was past state president of the Daughters. A full orchestra rendered a Southern melody program, while both men and women were presented to the state and district officers. And here, too, the parting pleasantries were paid, for the first outgoing trains were to take the visitors homeward. Georgetown had achieved a triumph in the art of entertaining and the visitors were free to say so. The Fifth District meeting had been a success, both from the club and the social standpoint, for which Mrs. Joseph and her able assistants were warmly congratulated."

The Executive Board accepted the invitation of the Second District to hold its regular mid-year meeting in Dallas at the time of the District meeting. Mrs. J. B. Nabors was hostess to the Executive Board on Wednesday, April 22, 1908, which enjoyed her hospitality, while transacting its business.

The Second District meeting began with President's Evening, April 22. Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, district vice-president, presided. Greetings from Mayor Hay and Mrs. W. A. Callaway (Pauline Periwinkle) were responded to by Mrs. Yancy Kemble. Musical numbers during the evening were rendered by Misses Vera Gee, Charlton, Dickson, Brown of McKinney, Mr. Bevins and Mrs. H. F. Dietz of Dallas. Mrs. Kate Cabell Muse read a brief history of Dallas. Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell gave an address and Mrs. Harry L. Obenchain delivered her annual message to the district. The program closed with Taubert's Cradle Song by the Shubert Choral Club, which bears the distinction of being the first musical club to join the Federation. They also sang Spring Song, the composition of Mrs. Ed. Pittman, a member of the club. Thursday morning, April 23rd, Mrs. Obenchain called the convention promptly to order in the rooms of the Dallas Woman's Forum. A violin solo by Miss Irene Shaw of Dallas, with piano accompaniment by Miss Ruby Wooten of Paris, gave much pleasure. A request came from the audience that the Spring Song of Mrs. Ed. Pittman be repeated by the Shubert Choral Club on this evening's program. After reports from officers, Mrs. J. C. Terrell gave a talk on the Library Commission. Miss Alexander of Dallas discoursed of Music in the Smaller Towns, How and Why, and finished her concise, practical, instructive talk with a demonstration of school musical instruction by five numbers given by a class of seventh grade pupils. It was beautiful singing. Then came club reports: the History Club of Dallas broadens its name to include "all chronicled fact";

Dallas Free Kindergarten does a wonderful community work through its Neighborhood House; the Pierian, Dallas, has placed a memorial bas-relief to its first president and founder, Mrs. A. C. Ardrey, in the Carnegie Library; Dallas Daughters of the Confederacy Literary always remember the Confederate widows with turkeys on Thanksgiving Day; Dallas Woman's Forum has nine departments, through which they cover a wide field of activity; the Atalantean, Dallas, is helping a young woman through a business course; the Edelweiss of McKinney offers prizes to the primary grades for best-kept flower-beds at the school; the Current Literature of Bonham maintains a circulating library, with special privileges for children. The XXI Club, Denison, gives civic improvement a permanent place in its work; the Ingleside Club, Farmersville, travels through books to foreign countries; the Woman's Shakespeare Club, Denton, centers its interest around child welfare; the Pilot Point Nineteenth Century has been represented at every district and state convention; XLI Club, Gainesville, is responsible for one of the prettiest parks in Texas; Oak Cliff Improvement Club protects highway trees from telephone and telegraph wires; the Altotha Club of Pilot Point has proven the meaning of its name "Love for All" in their work for improvement of their public school—furniture, pictures, books for the library; the Shakespeare Followers of Dallas number the actor Frederick Warde as an honorary member, and add philanthropic work to their study of the "Bard of Avon"; the Friday Afternoon Club, Dallas, also students of Shakespeare, hold annual Twelfth Night receptions; the Woman's Ruskin Club, Itasca, worked hard to clean up their town; the Owl Club, McKinney, has planted trees and placed drinking fountains; the McKinney Rushlight is a study club; the Woman's Club, Morgan, works for the public library; the Research Club of Cleburne, formerly the Magazine Club, had changed its name in 1906, *broadening* its scope of work—now helps improve school;

Chaminade Club, Bonham, is a musical club, and has brought five artists to their town; Waxahachie Shakespeare Club has pledged itself for a traveling library; Woman's Auxiliary to Railway Mail Association is aiding in the support of a public library. These reports and discussions continued until the noon hour, when more than two hundred guests and hostesses boarded waiting cars and went chatting merrily to the Neighborhood House where a most appetizing luncheon was served by the Dallas Free Kindergarten Association. Much interest was manifested in the Kindergarten plays of the children and in the rug, curtain and couch cover weaving of the old ladies. Thursday afternoon's session began at 2:15 p. m. Forestry was impressively handled by Mrs. Tuck of Sherman and Miss Lockhart of Gainesville, who deprecated the indifference of citizens of Texas to the fate of trees and woodlands. Mrs. T. P. Marshall of Dallas presented the Kindergarten work intelligently. Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrrell explained the English Scholarship at Oxford, being established by the General Federation. Each state which gives \$100 to the fund, has the privilege of naming a candidate for the benefaction. The quota of this district was at once raised. Mothers' clubs were the basis of Uses and Abuses of Mothers' Clubs by Miss Elinor Winn and Organized Motherhood by Mrs. J. N. Porter.

Pure food problems were discussed by Miss Irma Johnson, Hillsboro; Mrs. W. A. Everett, Denison; Mrs. F. A. Tompkins of Pilot Point outlined The Club Woman, and the session closed with a chorus from the music department of the Woman's Forum under the direction of Miss Elise S. Griffing. Visitor's Evening, Thursday, was opened with a delightful musical program by Dallas artists, followed by a brilliant lecture on the Legal Status of Woman in Texas by Dr. Anna Shaw of Philadelphia. A reception followed, to the mutual pleasure of hosts, hostesses and visitors. Mrs.

Obenchain called the convention to order for the program of Friday, April 24th, at 9 a. m. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker talked on the Educational Fund and Scholarships; Mrs. C. E. Fargo of Dallas talked of Art in the Daily Life. Mrs. Louella Styles Vincent asked permission to read "a grand poem received the evening before from our great and beloved Mollie E. Moore Davis, so long a resident of Louisiana but never lost to Texas." This was the poem "The Flagship Went Down." Mrs. Vincent then told of Mrs. Davis' physical frailty. Upon motion, Mrs. Vincent was instructed to convey to the beloved poet "the tenderest message of affection which could be formed." Judge G. P. Webb of Sherman spoke strongly of the need of Industrial Schools in Texas, in connection with our establishment of juvenile courts. Resolutions were adopted pledging the clubs in the District to a uniform size of year-book and to carry out all Federation plans. The Second District aided Mrs. M. A. Kersh in getting out a special edition of The Club-Woman's Argosy, for the benefit of the Educational Loan Fund for Second District and netted \$50.00.

The sixth annual convention of the First District of the Federated Women's Clubs was held in Vernon, April 29-30, 1908. Mrs. George Langston, Cisco, Fifth Vice-president, presided. The First District also edited a souvenir copy of the Club-Woman's Argosy, giving the individual histories of the clubs in the district. From the tabulated report of Mrs. Langston made at San Angelo meeting, one learns "All the officers of the District were present. Of twelve standing committees, all reported but three. 40 clubs in the District, 28 delegates present at this meeting. Subscriptions to Educational Loan Fund, \$168.50, total amounts to \$303.30, to Sarah Elizabeth Weaver Scholarship, \$75.00. This district has secured two history scholarships. From published club reports, these activities are outlined, as reported at Vernon: Fort Worth City Federation procured the erection of a white stone gate

at entrance to City Park, the public parks have been improved, 150 water elms planted, 1000 feet of unsightly billboards removed, obtained half fare for children on street cars; Hyperian Club of Big Spring observed Forestry Day, March 12; Quanah 1904 Club reported setting out shrubs in the court-house square; the Thursday Book Club observed Arbor Day by setting out 80 trees; Stamford Woman's Club set out 56 trees around City Hall; Vernon Woman's Club set out 300 trees on Main Street, and the school children set out 120 more; Weatherford XXth Century Club appointed a committee to establish small parks in each ward; Thursday Book Club of Bowie beautified their home grounds; Hico Thursday Club installed four sanitary drinking fountains; Penelope Club of Vernon has representation in Fort Worth Federation; Colorado Free Kindergarten Club has given to the funds and is working for kindergartens in schools; Yamparika Club of Vernon is purely literary. Stamford College Institute and Simms College each offer a scholarship to the boy or girl who writes the best essay on stated historic subjects.

The seventh annual convention of the Fourth District was held at Center, May 6-7, 1908, as the guest of The Woman's Reading Club. This District had organized at this time more closely along lines of the State Federation than any of the districts. Hence their program opened with a meeting of the "Executive Board" at Polly Opera House, Wednesday, May 6th, at 10 a. m., which transacted business until noon. At 2 p. m. a visit was paid to the city schools. At 3 o'clock a drive was arranged, terminating with an informal reception at "Seclusion," the home of Judge and Mrs. R. S. Bryarly. President's Evening opened with a concert by the Center Band in front of the Opera House, welcoming the delegates and friends. Mrs. Dibrell and Mrs. E. A. Arnim of Flatonia, district president, delivered addresses. Judge G. P. Webb of Sherman spoke upon Industrial Schools in connection with Juvenile

Courts. Beautiful vocal and instrumental music interspersed the speeches. Thursday morning the convention was called to order by Mrs. Arnim on time. Mrs. H. A. Cline, Wharton, Chairman, presented the most excellent program on which weeks of effort had been spent. Notable papers were: The Influence of the Club Woman at Home, in the Community and in the State, Mrs. Charles W. Butts, Nacogdoches; The Press as a Factor in Club Work, Mrs. Florence N. Dancy, Houston; these on Thursday morning: Benefits of Practical Education to Boys and Girls, Prof. E. S. Day, Center; Compulsory Education for Juvenile Offenders, Mrs. William Christian, Houston; Kindergarten in the Public Schools, Mrs. T. P. Marshall, Dallas; Courtesies and True Federation Spirit, Mrs. W. K. Sullivan, Flatonia; Foundation of Citizenship and Civics, Mrs. G. P. Huston, Wharton; Laws Affecting Women and Children, Mrs. C. F. Stevens, Liberty; and School Laws of Texas Affecting Country Children, Mrs. W. G. Love, Houston Heights, on Thursday afternoon.

At this meeting the Cum Concilio Club reported concerning its years of effort in behalf of the Old Stone Fort. In 1904, Nacogdoches City Council donated a lot on the High School campus whereon to re-erect the "Old Stone Fort." The Daughters of the Republic had been helping the Cum Concilio Club raise the funds for this purpose, but on February 2nd, 1905, this compact was dissolved by mutual consent, and the Club assumed the entire responsibility. In April, 1907, Mrs. Henry Garrison, acting president, with untiring zeal, pushed the work to completion, and the corner-stone was laid on July 4th, 1907, with impressive Masonic rites, in the midst of a large concourse of friends. This corner-stone of white marble bears this inscription: "Stone Fort, Built 1778. Re-erected 1907, by the Cum Concilio Club. To the memory of those heroes whose courage rose superior to their privations and whose

valor made possible Texas Independence." On January 3, 1908, a lecture by Honorable William J. Bryan, increased the available building fund, and on February 28, 1908, the Stone Fort was formally opened. The battle-scarred oak doors of the original building had been made into a handsome suite of furniture, consisting of three chairs, a curio cabinet, and a library table. Thus the noble work of the Cum Concilio Club in preserving this historic pile was finished. The old Stone Fort was erected in 1632, and served as a refuge to Americans and their families during pioneer days, from Indian and other foes. Here David Crockett took his oath of allegiance "to the new government" of Texas. General Sam Houston used it as headquarters, and many men prominent in Texas history have consulted within its walls. But the mutations of time brought the day when it was to be torn down by the then owner of the property. The state found some technical reason why it could not buy it. Its further history is told above. The original stones were numbered when taken down, so it could be reconstructed just as it had been on its original site. Some club activities reported were: Bellville Self-Culture Club, Woman's Reading Club, Center; Flatonia Ladies' Auxiliary School Club, Flatonia's Shakespeare Clubs, Sealy Ladies' Reading Club, Orange Ladies' Reading Club, all reported tree-planting and beautifying school-grounds, protecting town trees, observed "Clean-up Day"; Ladies' Reading Club, Houston, Woman's Reading Club, Beaumont, Crockett Shakespeare Club, Houston Heights Literary Society, Brenham Fortnightly Club, Etaerio Club, La Grange, Belton Woman's Wednesday Club, Temple Progressive Club, all have been working for increased library facilities. At 5:30 p. m. a musicale of Center talent was enjoyed, to be followed at 8 o'clock with a charming reception at "Maple Shack," the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McKnight. Friday morning, ere trains would carry their guests away, a complimentary breakfast was arranged by the

Center Commercial Club for 7 a. m. Center, like all other towns where the district conventions were held, felt the impetus of the wide-awake, cultured women who had been within their gates.

The Ninth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was held June 22-30, 1908, in Symphony Hall, Boston, Massachusetts. A large and influential delegation of Texas club women attended the meeting, as their State president was Chairman of Civics for the General Federation. At this convention, Mrs. Dibrell invited the General Federation Council, which meets the alternate years from the Biennial meetings, to hold its convention in San Antonio, in the spring of 1909. The invitation was accepted and the Biennial delegates returned jubilant.

The Executive Board met in San Angelo, Elks' Club rooms, Monday, November 16, at 3:45 p. m., state president, Mrs. Joseph Dibrell, in the chair. The following members were present: Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Mrs. S. J. Wright of Paris, Mrs. S. G. Edwards, Mrs. Geo. Langston, Mrs. E. A. Arnim, Mrs. R. C. Shindler, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Mrs. Maggie Barry, Miss Annie Halbert, Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Mrs. G. R. Scott, Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Mrs. F. N. Dancy, Mrs. I. H. Burney and Mrs. W. W. Bains, Corresponding Secretary Pro Tem. The Music Committee made two recommendations which were adopted: that the chairman and one other member be appointed from same place; and that a successful contestant in the original composition contest cannot again compete for the same prize until two years have elapsed. The president made several recommendations, necessary through the rapid growth of the Federation. She recognized a growing demand for standing committees of more members, but, as this would necessitate an amendment to the constitution, offered the following substitute: "that each District President appoint one associate member where it is deemed necessary to co-operate with standing and special committees of the State Federation, the member

to take the place of the district committees and to work directly under the chairman of the respective state committee." Another important step was that of changing the musical evening to a Fine Arts Evening embracing music, art and literature, including the prize original compositions. Mrs. Maggie Barry, Sherman, chairman of Literature Committee, also brought in an important recommendation: "That the Literature Committee shall be the custodian of such documents, not already provided for in Article I, Section 3 (which refers to the Recording Secretary's duties) of the By-Laws, as may be necessary to a history of the Federation work." A telegram from Mrs. E. P. Turner and Mrs. L. B. Matthews was read stating "we recommend Judge Webb's suggestions be adopted and committee be appointed to assist Legislative Committee of County Judges and Commissioners Association to prepare necessary bills for next legislature." This referred to the bill for an Industrial School for juvenile offenders. Mrs. Pennybacker moved an amendment to the By-Laws, abrogating the selection of the next place of meeting by open vote in the assembly, leaving the matter in the hands of the Executive Board. The Federation was growing so rapidly in numbers that this was a wise move, as the Executive Board could better decide what towns and cities could best afford to entertain the annual conventions. It was decided, however, in case the amendment carried, to accept the invitation from Denison, as the delegates had come prepared to carry out the customary form of procedure. Some amendments to the constitution and by-laws were submitted by Mrs. John W. Wright, Corresponding Secretary, which were discussed and re-submitted for corrections, to be brought up again at the next spring meeting of the Board and submitted at the 1909 convention. Mrs. George Langston, of Cisco, moved that the Executive Board recommend that not more than 4 per cent be charged on any amount loaned by the Educational Loan Fund. Carried.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was called to order in First Presbyterian Church at San Angelo, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, November 17, 1908, by the President, Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell. Cordial addresses of welcome on the part of the city and Business Men's Clubs were responded to by Mrs. Pennybacker. The following 34 clubs, recommended by the Executive Board, were unanimously elected to membership: Free Kindergarten Club, Bonham; Women's Reading Club, Bronson; Center Mothers' Club, Center; First Industrial Club, Cisco; Child Study Club, Columbus; Altrurian Club, Corpus Christi; Cosmos Club, Corpus Christi; Pierian Club, Corpus Christi; Nevin Musical Club, Corsicana; Hawthorne Maids, Cuero; Women's Culture Club, Dublin; Literary and Civic Club, Eagle Lake; Bay View Club, Ferris; Woman's Shakespeare Club, Fort Worth; Nonpareil Club, Greenville; As You Like It Club, Groveton; Monday Afternoon Club, Hereford; Magazine Club, Higgins; Woman's Shakespeare Club, Itasca; Tuesday Musical Club, Kerrville; Mothers' Club, La Grange; Woman's Culture Club, Memphis; Friday History Club, Mineral Wells; High School Mothers' Club, Nacogdoches; El Progreso Club, Pilot Point; First Industrial Art Club, Quanah; Mystic Club, Quanah; Ladies' Literary Club, San Augustine; Home and School Club, Smithville; Altrurian Club, Snyder; Pierian Club, Stamford; Zend Avesta Club, Timpson; Department Club, Waxahachie; Musician Club, Waxahachie. Once more the Federation was indebted to Mr. E. P. Turner for the convention programs. The following committees were announced: Credentials—Miss Olive Peak, Fort Worth, Chairman; Mrs. J. C. George, Stephenville; Mrs. J. B. Goodhue, Beaumont; Mrs. Mary Manlove, San Antonio; Mrs. A. J. Baker, San Angelo. Rules and Regulations—Mrs. S. R. Coggin, Brownwood, Chairman; Mrs. R. S. Bryarly, Center; Mrs. J. V. Vandenberg, Victoria. Resolutions—*Mrs. Fred Fleming*, Dallas, Chairman; Mrs. Mary E.

Lee, San Angelo; Mrs. P. C. Coleman, Colorado. Memorial—Mrs. F. N. Dancy, Houston, Chairman; Miss Olga Chew, Lockhart; Mrs. W. D. Berry, Vernon. Managers of Platform—Mrs. R. H. Henderson, San Angelo, Chairman; Mrs. R. C. Ledford, San Angelo; Mrs. J. B. Goodhue, Beaumont. The afternoon session began at 2 p. m., the president in the chair. President announced that Mrs. W. D. Syers had to resign owing to private duties, that Mrs. Reese Wilson of San Antonio had been appointed to fill the unexpired term, but could not be present on account of illness, hence her sister, Mrs. W. W. Bains of Houston, was serving as secretary pro tem. The five Vice-presidents presiding over the districts presented their reports which covered the work as given at district meetings. Mrs. H. M. Harrel of Georgetown reported for the Home Economics Committee: "Efforts are being made to have a series of practical demonstrations given by Miss Blow of the College of Industrial Arts. The aim of the committee is to bring the Industrial College and clubwomen in closer touch." President's Evening maintained its well-earned reputation for brilliancy; Mrs. S. J. Wright of Paris, First Vice-president, presided. A newspaper clipping says of that occasion: "The address on president's evening and throughout the sessions given by the brilliant minds of the leading women and men of the state were one and all a glory to the object of the Federation, which represents every phase of work in the uplifting of our glorious state and the present and future good of its people." In her annual address Mrs. Dibrell "reviewed the work of the year, and recommended continued effort in behalf of the Woman's College of Industrial Arts at Denton, the condition of juvenile offenders, the pure food law, the civic work, better laws for women and children." To quote Mrs. Dibrell herself: "We would urge the older clubwomen to interest the young girls fresh from schools and colleges and welcome their young spirits and new ideas into our circle." "We should never lose

sight of the higher aims of literature and art; demand the best, strive for the best and your beautiful work will bring good results, uplifting all mankind by the association with better things to higher ideals." As General Federation Civic Chairman, Mrs. Dibrell made a successful effort to establish March 10th as "General Civic Day." Texas has adopted it as the day for cleaning up the city, town and village. Mrs. Pennybacker's A New Vocation for Texas Women was well received, and her new vocation for the women was the vocation of social service either as professional or volunteer workers. The speaker emphasized the fact that all the women should assist in raising the standard of education and be a help to humanity. She urged the need of trained investigators, organized co-operation of charity associations, etc. She ended her speech by saying: 'Women are needed on the board of directors of every state institution that deals with women and children; women are needed as trained matrons and administrators in institutional work; women as assistant probation officers; women on boards of health; women as foresters, women in social settlement work, women in free kindergartens, and women as art commissioners are all in demand, and the demand must be supplied. Schools of philanthropy are, therefore, needed to train professional and voluntary workers.' A vocal solo was given by Mrs. W. G. Burton. Prof. A. N. R. McCallum spoke of The Next Step in Educational Progress in Texas. A song by Mrs. M. B. Gray, accompanied by the composer and prize winner, Miss Belle Biard, was followed by reports from the Boston Biennial: the Day Sessions, reported by Mrs. John B. Goodhue of Beaumont, the Social Side written up by Mrs. H. B. Fall, Houston, and in her absence read by Mrs. Goodhue.

Wednesday morning's session contained the interesting topics for discussion, What Can We Do to Cultivate the Club Spirit in the Rural District? and How to Reach the Indifferent Club. "Some ideas advanced

were: That local papers in each town and county be asked to print club news; that clubwomen could meet mothers in rural districts on Friday afternoons at school house; organize Industrial Art Clubs; organize Mothers' Clubs, and also interest teacher in rural district; and, send delegates from clubs to annual meeting of State Federation; have clubs devote one day every year to subject of State Federation." Report of Literature Committee by Mrs. Maggie Barry, showed preparation of three model programs: The Drama—Edgar Allen Poe—and Physical Education (work of Prof. W. S. Sutton of the Texas University; is especially recommended for Mothers' Clubs). A Civic Session brought out how many of the clubs were engaged in work under this head; that it extended from furnishing metal garbage cans to building town halls. The president, asking Mrs. S. J. Wright, First Vice-president, to take the chair, gave the convention her ideas upon Municipal Art, the appointment of local art commissions, and the great necessity for a state art commission. Dr. H. M. Carrick was then introduced and invited the delegates to visit the Tuberculosis Exhibit in his charge. Mrs. Henry Redmond of Corpus Christi reported the Tuberculosis Congress at Washington, D. C., as highly successful in the numbers in attendance; all resolved to aid in the fight against tuberculosis. Mrs. G. R. Scott told how the whole state was awakening to the importance of bringing the joy of parks and playgrounds into the lives of our children as well as ourselves. The committee suggested that clubwomen insist that every city council appoint a Commissioner on Parks and Playgrounds for their establishment, maintenance and supervision. Pure Food was another division of civic duty which women were urged to educate themselves in. Mr. J. S. Abbott, Dairy Commissioner, spoke of the work of the Dairy and Food Commission, and told how helpful were the women inspectors he had appointed last year. Wednesday night at 8 o'clock occurred the Fine Arts Session, Mrs. Dibrell

presiding. The following program was rendered: (a) Ave Maria (Tosti), (b) Summer (Chaminade), by Mrs. W. G. Burton of Fort Worth; Original Composition by Miss Belle Biard of Bonham; Se Saran Rose (Arditi), Mrs. Edward M. Polk of Corsicana; Address, The Spirit of the Times as Reflected in Literature, by Mrs. Maggie Barry of Sherman; (a) Cradle Song (Biard), (b) Longing (Biard)—prize voice composition—Miss Belle Biard, Mrs. M. V. Gray, both of Bonham; Forester's Song (Waltemire)—prize piano composition—Miss Emi Waltemire of Honey Grove; Presentation of medals by Mrs. J. B. Dibrell; Address, The Problem of the Children, by Miss Kate Barnard, commissioner of charities, of Oklahoma; (a) Chanson Provincale (Del 'Acqua), (b) Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak), by Mrs. Edward M. Polk. Mrs. Florence N. Dancy of Houston gives a pen-picture of this wonderful Miss Barnard as she appeared on this program: "The talk given by Miss Kate Barnard was a thrilling one in every way, and the subject, The Problem of the Children, was most telling and the simple words of this frail girl, springing to her lips from a heart filled with a longing to help all the helpless and homeless little ones, spoke of a mission greater than all others. * * * 'whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.' (Matthew 18, verse 6.) If the mothers will not heed this warning then who shall help them? Miss Barnard spoke many times during the week of her stay in San Angelo, both to the convention and in other places."

Thursday morning's session brought out educational topics with the report of the Educational Committee. Mrs. D. F. Houston, Chairman, compiled the report up to the time of Dr. David Houston's accepting the presidency of Columbia University, which necessitated Mrs. Houston's resignation. She was succeeded by Mrs. E. E. Bramlette. Three new scholarships are to be added;

one at Presbyterian College, Milford, one at Southwestern University, Georgetown, and the Sarah Weaver Memorial Scholarship in Dallas Free Kindergarten. Besides the Federation scholarship at the State University, there have been donated to the Federation 26 scholarships in institutions of this state. Four of these were music scholarships, so it was recommended that the Music Committee hereafter take over the assignment of these and any others of that nature. The Educational Loan Fund amounted to \$1769.27, and it was decided to close this fund. Honorable R. B. Cousins, State Superintendent of Education, addressed the Convention on Woman's Work in Education in Texas. The Music Committee announced that next year's gold medals for original composition would be given by Mrs. E. A. Arnim of Flatonina, and the chairman of the Music Committee, Miss Annie Halbert. History Committee stressed the raising of the Texas Flag on March 2nd, March 6th, and April 21st, and urged the clubs to donate flags to schools and institutions. "Mrs. Mary McClellan O'Hair of Coleman extended invitation from the clubs of her city to the Convention for a drive and a reception Saturday night at Coleman. Ballinger Clubs invited the Convention to lunch with them Saturday. Brownwood Clubs invited the Convention members going over the Frisco to take supper with them during the interval of their wait. Invitations were accepted by a rising vote of thanks."

Friday morning's session brought a discussion of the work of the Industrial Training School Committee. This committee had been in conference with the County Judges and Commissioners at Dallas, and noted their great interest in the legislation asked for by the clubwomen. The Juvenile Court bill passed by the Thirtieth Legislature was prepared by a committee from this Association, which now recommends that the Legislature be asked to establish an industrial training school. The committee recommended that a committee be appointed to assist the Legislative Committee of

County Judges and Commissioners Association to prepare the necessary bill to present to the next Legislature. Friday afternoon was devoted to a Mothers' Council, presided over by First Vice-president, Mrs. S. J. Wright, of Paris. This marks the first time the Mothers' Clubs in the Federation had been allotted a session on the program. Some topics discussed were The Meaning of Child Study; The Effect of Environment upon the Child. A question-box on Mothers' Problems furnished subjects for the allotted time. The Committee on Resolutions presented a large number for consideration. Those which outlined the further activity of clubs belonging to the Federation were: Resolved: That the programs for the State Federation of Women's Clubs be so arranged that traveling on Sunday to attend same may be avoided as far as possible. Approved. Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs endorse Mrs. J. B. Dibrell's far-sighted policy to arouse an active interest in the public art work in our state and the quickening of the appreciation of the beautiful by her purchase of the Elizabet Ney home to be converted into an Art Museum. Approved. Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs pledges itself to work for a State Art Commission, to be composed of competent art critics serving without compensation, to whom shall be referred the selection of all proposed public monuments, memorials, etc. Approved. Resolved: That during the next year clubwomen be untiring in their efforts to create a public sentiment for Civil Service reform. Approved. Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs endorses the work of the Woman's National Congress of Rivers and Harbors. Approved. Whereas: As most excellent results have been obtained through the efforts of women assisting the State Commissioner of Pure Food; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Texas Federation continue to render assistance along the same line. Approved. Resolved: That the Texas Federation

continue to work zealously for the recognition of the library as much a part of the educational system of the country as the public school. Approved. Whereas: The literary club will ever remain the inspiration and germinating center of useful and helpful club endeavor; Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs recognizes literature as the spiritual possibility of Women's Clubs, and further encourages their organization. Approved. Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs commends Mrs. J. B. Dibrell's efforts in bringing the Women's Council of the General Federation to San Antonio next spring, and that the clubs pledge themselves to render every assistance possible, that the meeting may be pleasant and successful. Approved. Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs endorses the movement of the President of the United States inquiring into the needs of country life. Approved. Whereas: The American National Red Cross Society is organized to give aid in time of war, famine or pestilence, and its relief work is now being devoted to the White Plague, and as a means of raising revenue to aid in carrying on the good work offers the sale of Christmas Stamps; Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs endorses the movement and pledges its interest and support. Approved. Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs heartily commends the Houston Post in adding a club page to its valuable paper; that the thanks of the State Federation be extended to the press of the state for their many courtesies. Approved. Resolved: That we favor and recommend to our legislators the passage of such laws as will provide for the regular and systematic support of our state educational institutions by insuring to them in proper proportion and according to their increasing needs of maintenance, a regular annual income. Approved. Resolved: That we heartily approve the plan of the Regents to enlarge the work of the industrial

departments already established in the College of Industrial Arts, and to add thereto a trades department; and we endorse their plans to further increase the usefulness of the College by enlarging the summer school and by employing an extension lecturer and demonstrator in Home Economics; and also that we approve their plan of erecting another dormitory for the accommodation of students; that we bring the needs of the College to the attention of our members, and urge them to bring the matter before their respective legislators. Approved. We, the delegated representatives of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in convention assembled, at San Angelo, Texas, this 18th day of November, 1908, do hereby endorse the movement, and do urge the Texas Legislature to take such action as will result in the establishment of a State Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Be it Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs recognizes the necessity for the establishment of a Library Commission in Texas, and believes that the time is now ripe for the passage of a bill creating a commission; it hereby pledges itself to make the Library Commission bill its chief legislative work before the ensuing Legislature. Approved. Be it Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs hereby heartily endorses the great work being done by Miss Kate Barnard in Oklahoma, and tenders its congratulations to our sister state for its wisdom in embodying in its Constitution so many wise and beneficial measures for women and children. Approved. Whereas: The Council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in San Antonio in the spring; and Whereas: Our State President has been chairman of our National Civic Committee and as State President stands for civic beauty; be it Resolved: That each club in the state, so far as possible, clean up and encourage railroads to clean up along their right of ways and beautify their depot grounds. Approved. Resolved: That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs

do most earnestly concert their every effort as mothers, to liberate the children now in the jails of our state, by securing an ample appropriation for an Industrial School and Probation Officers, and for carrying into effect the Juvenile Court Law passed at the last Texas Legislature. Resolved, further: That we officially request the Governor to include this in his message to the Legislature in the name of the mothers of the state. Approved.

The San Angelo Convention made a notable departure by arranging the program so that its deliberations left every afternoon free for pleasure. These social hospitalities were, first, luncheon served by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church daily, except Friday when the Business Men's Club gave the luncheon at the Elks' Club rooms; a complimentary reception Wednesday afternoon given by the XXth Century Club at San Angelo Club; automobile ride tendered by the San Angelo Club Thursday afternoon, November 19th; reception to the clubwomen given by the Elks Thursday night, and an illustrated lecture on Norway by Carl Venth, Friday evening, November 20th. Nor was this all.

After expressing their best thanks for the courtesies showered upon them in San Angelo, came the triumphal trip homeward, with its stop at Ballinger, when the citizens come into the train for a few words of greeting, and distributed individual lunches done up in boxes prettily decorated; the reception by the clubwomen at Coleman, where their train was sidetracked, while the delegates were taken to a beautiful reception at the home of Mrs. Mary McClellan O'Hair; the stop at Brownwood in the evening, when the delegates were showered with candy and flowers.

Mrs. Dibrell began early to prepare for the Council meeting, the most important gathering of clubwomen ever held in Texas. As the informed clubwomen knew, the Council comprised the General Federation Executive Board, the state presidents, club presidents, and

others prominent in club work, who came in conference on General Federation affairs. All the clubwomen of the state were to unite in extending Texas' hospitality. Mrs. Edward Arnim of Flatonia was appointed state chairman of Council Entertainment Fund in which all the districts participated. The chairmen of local committees were: General chairman, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg; Treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Wolfe; Reception Committee, Beethoven Hall, Wednesday night, March 31, Mrs. J. Townsend Woodhull; Punch tables, Mrs. L. Goodman; Auditorium, Mrs. H. C. Carter; Carriages, Mrs. Nellie Jameson; Public conveyances, Mrs. Archie Zorwowsky; Conveyance for president, Mrs. Philip N. Moore and ex-president, Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, Mrs. George McQuaid; Orchestra, Mrs. Hugh B. Rice; Local badges, Mrs. A. P. Thomas; Music, Mrs. Edward Sachs; Decoration, Mrs. Belle Dilgarde; Flowers, Miss Bessie Long; Printing, Miss Marcia Robinson; Hotels, Mrs. J. Noyes Evans; Press committee, Miss Marin Fenwick; General reception committee, Mrs. H. P. Drought, assisted by a state committee appointed by Mrs. Dibrell."

Besides having secured the Federation Council, whose deliberations were certain to bring forth much of benefit to her beloved state, Mrs. Dibrell had performed a still greater act of patriotism in her purchase of the Elizabet Ney studio with its finished and unfinished works of the dead sculptor. Her plans were thus spoken of in the Waco Times-Herald in a December, 1908, issue: "It is now announced on authority that the studio will be converted into a Fine Arts Museum, controlled by a board of managers selected from the Texas clubwomen. These will be from different sections of the state, together with men who are interested in art and the development of art in Texas. In January, 1909, this board meets in Austin, when the museum will be opened formally. In purchasing the Ney property, Mrs. Dibrell was actuated by a double motive. She desired to memorialize her friend, Miss Ney, whom she considered not only a renowned artist but a

notable woman of her day, and to make possible the plan which Miss Ney had always cherished, to arouse the clubwomen to activity in impressing the State University students, who virtually cover the entire state, with the love of art. Texas is thus inheritor of the Ney collection of art."

The Council meeting was held in the Elks' Hall, San Antonio, Wednesday, March 31st, 1909, Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis, president, presiding. Mrs. Florence N. Dancy in her report of the Council meeting in The Houston Post of April 4, 1909, says:

"In introducing the state president, Mrs. Dibrell of Seguin, Mrs. Moore said that in her trips over the country she often pointed to the Texas Federation as the model state club organization; also remarking that she had on more than one occasion read excerpts of Mrs. Dibrell's annual report to show what a state club should do, or endeavor to do. * * * Mrs. Dibrell's address of welcome to the distinguished visitors carried with it the ring of true hospitality from a heart overflowing with the joy of greeting, as with her arms loaded with blue-bonnets, she showered the cherished Texas club blossom over the table in front of the general president." Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles responded to the many addresses of welcome extended on behalf of the state, the business men of San Antonio, the City Federation, the patriotic organizations.

The reports, addresses and talks on questions of the day, without notes, by these brainy, big-hearted women from every part of the United States, were a revelation to the Texas clubwomen and citizens who attended the meetings. Notable speakers were Miss Helen Boswell of New York, chairman of industrial and child labor conditions; Mrs. George Watkins of Chicago, chairman on legislation; Mrs. Mary Alden Ward of Massachusetts, chairman of literature and library extension; Mrs. E. W. Pattison of the Art Committee; Mrs. Edwin F. Moulton, on Civics; Mrs. O. N. Gouldlin,

on Home Economics; Miss Laura Drake Gill of Washington, D. C., on Education Committee; all these gave glowing accounts of their work. Miss Gill spoke on Wednesday night at the opera house to a large audience on "The Economic Status of Women."

Thursday's (April 1st) sessions included a resolution decrying the useless waste of timber; the decision of the Council to enter upon a campaign of prison reform; further agitation in respect to compulsory education laws; the pushing of the pure food laws.

The State Executive Board held its mid-year meeting on the last day of the Council. Mrs. Henry Fall of Houston made her report on club extension, submitting the names of 10 clubs, which were unanimously recommended by the Board for admission at the next annual meeting at Denison. The pamphlet of Mrs. C. C. Cody, Georgetown, chairman Texas Art Committee, entitled "Art Department" received the endorsement of both the state president and Mrs. E. W. Pattison, chairman of General Federation Art Committee.

The social affairs during the Council were numerous and delightful. The Menger Hotel was used as headquarters. The Morgan quintette of young women furnished sweet music.

"A grand military drill was held at Fort Sam Houston, with General Albert L. Myer as host, in which the students of the West Texas Military Academy participated besides the post cavalry and artillery." Mrs. Dibrell entertained with a series of dinner parties at the Menger. Mrs. H. D. Kampmann served an elaborate buffet luncheon in which the Council delegates and State Executive Board participated. Miss Fenwick gave an English tea on the roof garden of the St. Anthony. The Daughters of the American Revolution tendered the visiting daughters a beautiful reception. An informal reception by the local chapter of the Southern Association of College Women was given the delegates and visitors, immediately following Miss Laura Gill's address to the High School students. A Mexican

supper at San Pedro Springs, with Mrs. Pennybacker as toast-mistress, was most unique, and delighted the visitors from other states by its novelty. Of course, the visitors were shown the Alamo, the old missions, the plazas and other quaint places of historic interest, and on Saturday, April 3, they left on a special excursion to the City of Mexico.

The following informal comments of Mrs. Dibrell on the Council meeting, which appeared in the newspapers of that day, give a vivid picture of the "big event":

"It was a fine assemblage of brainy women and the spirit was beautiful from beginning to end. Miss Poppenheim, chairman of the General Federation committee, said she felt grateful for the women whom I had chosen for her to work with. Mrs. H. P. Drought, chairman of the Texas council committee, and Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, who had in charge the arrangement of the reception from the San Antonio Federation, had every detail most beautifully arranged. Mrs. Hertzberg also kindly assisted in providing good music for all occasions. Mrs. Herman Kampmann's luncheon was a most elaborate and most finished affair, perfectly typical of the South with all of its noonday splendor; even the old black mammy, who had been in the family since Mrs. Kampmann's girlhood, was in full evidence with her immaculate cap and apron and white kerchief crossed on her breast. The Northern women were quite impressed with this delightful Southern family and Southern atmosphere. It was all Texas and the Southland, even to the finishings and beautiful palm garden and spreading lawn which we viewed through open doors. The automobile ride to the missions was historic and delightful. * * * Our trip to Mexico was like an Aladdin's dream, and my only regret was that the hurried departure of so many prevented the entire party meeting President Diaz. Owing to Holy Week, we could not be received until the week following. Many of the party left on Easter Monday, but quite a number of us were received in the castle of Chapultepec, upon my special

request conveyed through the American consul, instead of the national palace, where the president usually receives his guests. We spent quite a pleasant little visit, conversing with the president through an interpreter. The clubwomen (Mexico City) were not able to do anything officially for us, owing to all Mexico being absorbed during Holy Week. The Texas people and many Americans extended individual courtesies, which made our trip very delightful. They seemed to feel that the courtesies of Texas extended even into the republic of Mexico to the General Federation of Women's Clubs."

The eighth annual meeting of the Fourth District was held in Orange, April 26-27, 1909. Thirty-two clubs were represented by their delegates, besides state officers, members of state committees and district officers. Five new clubs applied for admission to the Federation, making sixteen clubs to enter during Mrs. Arnim's administration. On Monday afternoon, April 26, the Executive Board met and transacted routine business until adjournment at 4 p. m. to attend an informal reception at the home of Mrs. John T. Hart. During the afternoon Miss Helen Achenbach sang several songs. President's Evening was held at the Opera House April 26. Mrs. I. G. Stafford, Columbus, responded to the various addresses of welcome. Mrs. Arnim's annual address gave a splendid showing of the year's work, in education, civics and libraries. Mr. A. L. Ford read a detailed history of Orange. Two business sessions were held on Tuesday. The morning hours had the report on club extension by Mrs. John M. Key, Brenham, followed by her timely paper, Why Clubs Should Join the State and General Federations; an Educational Conference with the topics, The Necessity of Compulsory Education, by Mrs. Harold B. Robinson of Galveston, How the Parent Can Aid the Teacher, by Supt. S. B. Foster of the Orange schools, How the Teacher Can Aid the Parent, by Mrs. W. G. Love of Houston, Education for Efficiency, by Mrs. William *Christian of Houston*; a Library session, in which Mrs.

F. F. Dexter of Houston made an impromptu talk on the best books for children, Mrs. Mary L. Fuller of Beaumont read a paper on The Need of Public Libraries in Texas, Mrs. William Christian urged upon clubwomen that they should establish traveling libraries themselves, and thus show the state legislature the value of this most important phase of the library commission bill; a Civic Session opened by an informal talk by Rev. J. L. Massey of Orange, the topic, Parks and Playgrounds, given by Mrs. Grace Zimmer of Houston, and an address by Mrs. S. W. Sholars of Orange on Tuberculosis; Art was presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson of Groesbeck, followed by a talk on Sculpture by Mrs. Shehan of Houston Heights.

Mrs. Mary Hunt Affleck of Brenham, First Vice-president of the district, opened the afternoon session. Individual club reports were heard. Mrs. R. S. Bryarly of Center reported for the committee inquiring into the legal status of women in Texas, her topic Some Unjust Texas Laws. In considering resolutions the assembly endorsed the work of the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress; pledged themselves to consider holding two art programs a year in their clubs; placed themselves on record as favoring the suppression of the poor wit and worse art of the Sunday supplement, and as in favor of clean journalism; favored observing Mother's Day on second Sunday in May; favored the continuation of the state press committee, with a representative from each district upon it; to request the State Federation to make a standing committee on Mothers' Clubs. The committee concluded with grateful thanks for all courtesies extended. The election resulted as follows: Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Center, President; Mrs. W. G. Love, Houston, First Vice-president; Mrs. H. A. Cline, Wharton, Second Vice-president; Mrs. Hugh Jones, Center, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. E. A. Arnim, delegate to the Biennial in Cincinnati in 1910; Mrs. H. A. Cline, Wharton, alternate.

At close of the convention, Colonel W. D. Bettis and the Business Men's Club chaperoned the ladies on a trip down Sabine Lake on the Captain Tom. The social functions of the occasion closed with the brilliant reception given by Mrs. George W. Bancroft, complimentary to the convention visitors and her guest, Mrs. Miller of Galveston. Mrs. Bancroft's elegant new residence was thrown open to her friends for the first time on this evening. Private auto parties inspected the mills, the river and factories, and not until the last trains of Wednesday did the last of the visitors leave, laden with roses and cape jassamines and kind thoughts of the generous hospitality extended them.

The eighth annual convention of the clubs of the Third District met in Jefferson, April 29-30, 1909. An informal reception the afternoon of the delegates' arrival, at the home of Judge and Mrs. W. P. Schluter, from 4:30 to 6 p. m., brought about a "let's get acquainted" feeling. To the regret of all, Mrs. S. G. Edwards, the presiding officer, was detained on account of sickness. Mrs. W. T. Spencer, Vice-president, presided very ably. President's Evening was held on the night of April 29, in the Public Library. "The well-arranged and interesting program was most admirably carried out—special features being an address by Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, State President; Mrs. Cone Johnson's address, Woman's Sphere; an address on civics by Miss Jeannette Goldberg, National lecturer for the Jewish Council of Women. Some musical numbers were: Chorus, Cupid Made Love to the Moon, Ladies' Choral Club; piano solos by Mrs. McWilliams of Texarkana and Miss Ford Jester, Atlanta; voice, Mrs. Ed. Richardson, Marshall; duo, two pianos, Miss Eva Eberstadt and Mr. I. L. Goldberg; voice, Mrs. Martin Ragley; selection, two pianos, Mrs. M. Vines, Miss Ethel M. Leaf, Miss Eberstadt, Miss Willie Rowell; piano, Faust, Miss Willa Rhone, Winnsboro. Other addresses of note were: The Educational Value of the Study of

Home Economics, by Miss Turner of Greenville; Industrial and Compulsory Education, by Mrs. E. E. Bramlette of Texarkana; The Legal Status of Woman in Texas, by Mrs. W. B. Wynne of Wills Point; How We Best Help Ourselves, Our Neighbors and Our Country, by Miss Hallett McPhail of Marshall; The Care and Training of Juvenile Delinquents, by Mrs. E. P. Turner of Dallas."—From Clubwoman's Argosy, July, 1909.)

Club reports showed much good work in civics and libraries; the tree-planting movement is going to revolutionize some of our Texas towns. Longview was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. George H. Collins, Greenville, President; Mrs. Douglas Wise, Jefferson, First Vice-president; Miss Halbert, Corsicana, Second Vice-president; Mrs. F. W. Harris, Greenville, Secretary-Treasurer. A reception at the home of Mayor and Mrs. B. F. Sherrill, on Friday night, was much enjoyed.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Women's Clubs of the Fifth District was held in Victoria, May 4-6, 1909, as guests of the Bronte Club. "The Bronte Club is the oldest in the state, and the Junior Brontes, daughters and granddaughters of this pioneer club, was the first girls' club federated in the state. The Bronte Club is over thirty years old (1909) and Mrs. Case, the wife of a Presbyterian minister and a teacher, was its founder. The charter members were her pupils and very young girls at that time, so this is the only club in Texas whose members grew up in club work." A large audience listened to the addresses of Mrs. J. B. Dibrell and Mrs. Lee Joseph on President's night at the Opera House, and the musical selections were heartily encored. The soloists were Mr. J. K. Greer, Mrs. Oscar Roos, Victoria, and Miss Herzog, Kerrville. Mrs. John Clegg was also one of the sweet singers of the convention. The evening closed with an informal reception. Wednesday morning Miss Vandenberg, chairman of the

credential committee, reported thirty-four clubs represented. Addresses of welcome were given by Honorable E. L. Dunlap for the city, Mrs. M. E. Allen for the clubwomen, and responded to by Mrs. R. S. Hyer of Georgetown. The reports of committees and delegates that occupied the remainder of the session showed that careful attention had been paid to all of the work taken up by the Federation. Beeville and Corpus Christi reported work along pure food lines. Woman's Club of Lockhart gives a beautiful picture, framed, each year, for the best kept and cared for room and furniture in the primary grades. The Woman's Monday Club of Corpus Christi is taking the Bay View course, and lessons in modern and Italian art. The Sorosis Club of San Marcos, with the co-operation of the Mothers' Club and the public school, had in April a very successful art exhibit. Mrs. G. R. Scott reported that the Woman's Monday Club of Corpus Christi had a music department. Mrs. Lee Joseph and Mrs. Will Fleming of Cuero reported that the Hawthorne Maids are studying composers and composition, with rendition of musical numbers at their meetings; also that patriotic songs are taught in every grade in their public schools. In Georgetown, the Club of Clefs, a department of the Initial History Club, is doing excellent work. Mrs. L. Welch of Cuero made an excellent report on home economics. She recommended that one club meeting be set aside for practical demonstrations when the hostess should tender her kitchen to the club to prepare some of the recipes furnished from roll-call responses. Mrs. J. H. Ewell of Goliad reported on civics, that Arbor Day and Clean-up Day had been generally observed. Luncheons were given in the city hall, which speaks well for the men of Victoria. One woman said, "Just imagine a city hall and its environment being like this." The hall was as dainty as a state dining hall, and at the Junior Bronte's luncheon was decked in green and white. The band played during the lunch hour. The following day the Bronte Club was hostess at an equally

beautiful luncheon. Mrs. J. F. Welder was a graceful toastmistress. Those responding to toasts were: Mrs. Schreiner of Kerrville, Mrs. H. A. Cline of Wharton, Mrs. Hertzberg and Miss Fenwick of San Antonio, Miss Genevieve Power of Victoria, and Mrs. Gillette. Mrs. Stayton of Cuero, whose daughter, Mrs. Willie Stayton Breeden, was the first president, and Mrs. Max Urwitz of Houston, the first secretary, gave some reminiscences of the early days. The reception given Wednesday night by the Elks was greatly appreciated by the clubwomen. On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Joseph V. Vandenberg received in honor of the outgoing and incoming presidents. In the evening a band concert was given in a pretty little park. Mrs. G. R. Scott of Corpus Christi was chosen President; Mrs. A. B. Peticolas of Victoria, a charter member of the Bronte Club, First Vice-president, and Mrs. R. S. Hyer of Georgetown, Second Vice-president. It is the custom for the newly elected president to nominate her Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Scott's selection of Miss Kathleen Jones of Corpus Christi was received with loud applause and a unanimous election. Mrs. Lee Joseph of Cuero was elected delegate to the Cincinnati Biennial, Mrs. James Welder, alternate. Yoakum was selected as the next meeting place.

The seventh annual convention of the First District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was assembled in the main auditorium of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo, at 10 a. m., May 11, 1909. Mrs. George Langston of Cisco, district president, presided. From the excellent report of Mrs. L. A. Wells, district press reporter, the following data is taken: The usual cordial welcomes were responded to by Mrs. J. T. Fleming of Wichita Falls. During the morning session, club reports were heard; Mrs. J. A. Walker's paper on Industrial Education in Europe and America was read by Mrs. Goodwin of Brownwood, the discussion following being led by Mrs. P. G. Stokes of Big Spring; the Club Extension Committee made its report, and Mrs.

Ferguson of Stephenville, and Miss Hoopengartner rendered piano solos. Upon adjournment, luncheon was served at the Amarillo Hotel. At the afternoon session, two interesting announcements were "a medal for best voice composition by the Harmony Club of Brownwood, and a medal for best piano composition in the district by the Daily Panhandle." Music was furnished by Mrs. R. A. Kelley and Mrs. W. D. Berry, both of Vernon. Industrial Education for Women and Girls in its several phases was ably handled in papers by Mrs. Middleton of Childress and Miss Breedlove of Sweetwater, which were generally discussed by Mrs. Marshall Spoons of Fort Worth, Mrs. Heaton of Dalhart, Mrs. McWhirter of Amarillo, Mrs. Langston and Mrs. Dibrell. "President's Evening was distinctive in that it embraced not only the able addresses of both the state and district presidents, but Musical Evening as well. Mrs. Dibrell made a pleasing and instructive address, in which she urged more and better laws for Texas; laws that would not deprive the men of their rights, but laws that would give the women theirs. The district president, Mrs. Langston, gave her annual address, the topic, Love. The musical part of the evening program was filled by talent of the First District. Miss Theo Bentley of Amarillo played on the violin. Miss Julia Owens of Fort Worth was awarded the medal in voice composition, her song being Dear Lord, I Come to Thee, beautifully rendered by Mrs. Groom of Fort Worth. Miss Aleta Garrison of Abilene was awarded the medal for the best piano composition. A Historical Sketch of Amarillo and Potter County, by Mrs. Thomas Currie of Amarillo, completed the program. It was reminiscent of the early days when the departure of the red man and the buffalo marked an epoch, and the establishment of the T-Anchor, the L. X. and the Frying Pan ranches was made. Thence followed in the wake of civilization, churches, the first school, the advent of the railroads, even down to the time when

Amarillo became the Queen City of the Plains." The interesting feature of Wednesday morning's session was the tree-planting reported by all delegates. One delegate reported 12,000 trees planted within a radius of one mile. The Wednesday Club of Claude is writing an authentic history of the Panhandle country in the anticipation that it may some day become a school textbook, getting their data from personal interviews with the survivors of early pioneer days. A debate followed, the subject being, 'Resolved, that the trade school should be incorporated in the public school system by the laws of the state of Texas,' with Mrs. J. F. Monning of Amarillo and Mrs. C. J. Farrell of Vernon, affirmative; Mrs. Buchanan of Fort Worth and Mrs. R. W. Fender of Fort Worth, negative, the negative winning the contest. Mrs. W. L. Grogan of Abilene gave a paper on 'What is the Club Movement Contributing to the Development of the Texas Public Schools?' After luncheon at the Amarillo Hotel and a delegates' conference at 2 p. m., the final session was held, including the election of officers. Mrs. Marshall Spoons of Fort Worth was elected President; Mrs. Lee Young of Stephenville, Vice-president; Mrs. Adrian Bronquist of Fort Worth, Secretary-Treasurer.

Social features included a reception on Wednesday evening from 8:30 to 11:30 by the Pierian and Philharmonic Clubs, and an auto drive to Palo Duro canyon which was the crowning social feature of the convention. More than one hundred ladies and gentlemen departed in twenty-one automobiles at 10 o'clock Thursday morning for Fern Cave, one of the beauty spots in the famous unexplored canyon.

The seventh annual convention of the Second District was held in Gainesville, May 13-15, 1909. Miss Gertha Lockard, press reporter for this district, furnished the newspapers of that day a most complete "write-up" of this district meeting, from which these facts are gleaned: "The meetings were held in the Elks' club-

rooms. The keynote of the convention—modern education—was sounded in the opening program, President's Evening, May 13. Welcome addresses were responded to by Mrs. Walton Bass of Whitesboro. In reporting the work done by the clubs of the district in the past year, the president, Mrs. Harry L. Obenchain, of Dallas, laid special stress upon the work accomplished on all educational lines: civics, mothers' clubs, industrial education, music and art and kindergartens. Mrs. Dibrell, state president, laid special stress upon the efforts being made in behalf of good laws. The history of Gainesville by Mrs. R. S. Rose added another record of value to the future history of Texas. Friday morning, May 14, the reports of the various officers and committees, and the club reports showed an increase of interest in all lines of federation work. City Federation in Dallas is promoting playgrounds, had an illustrated lecture on playgrounds; Kidd-Key Shakespeare Club of Sherman showed how the federation spirit may be inculcated during the college years; Morgan Literary Club has always worked for libraries, but is taking up civic improvement, also, and observed a clean-up day. The address of Mrs. J. N. Porter of Dallas on Mothers' Clubs and that of Miss Drew of Dallas on Free Kindergartens were received with enthusiasm." In the afternoon, there were three interesting addresses. Mrs. Maggie W. Barry of Sherman, on The Club as an Educational Factor in a Community; Mrs. S. J. Wright of Paris on The Spirit of Federation; and Miss Vivian Aunspaugh of Dallas on Art—Its Study and Its Influence. The program of Friday evening was given to music, and an address on Education by Mrs. John Threadgill, president of the Oklahoma Federation of Women's Clubs. Piano numbers were rendered by Mrs. Chas. Saunders and Mrs. H. F. Schweer of Denton, also Mrs. Clarence Leonard; vocal solo by Mrs. J. T. Edwards; violin solo, Miss Catherine Norfleet, North Texas Female College, Sherman; chorus, Schumann Club, Gainesville; the Kidd-Key girls'

orchestra of sixteen pieces, under the direction of Prof. Carl Venth, furnished beautiful music on both evening programs. Saturday morning at 8:30 a mothers' conference was held with talks by Mrs. Cree T. Work, Mrs. J. N. Porter, Miss Mary King Drew and others. Hillsboro was chosen as the next place of meeting. The election of officers resulted as follows: Miss Gertha E. Lockard, Gainesville, President; Mrs. Walton Bass, Whitesboro, Vice-president; Mrs. R. Ewing Thomason, Gainesville, Secretary; Mrs. Michael Shanley, Granbury, Treasurer. The social features of the meeting included a reception in the Elks' parlors immediately after the program of President's Evening; a reception at the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sherwood on Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 by the XLI Club; Mrs. Edlar Blanton's dinner in honor of the state and district officers and Mrs. Threadgill, and a number of individual dinner parties, luncheons and drives.

The Executive Board met in the parlors of the Denison Hotel, November 15, 1909, with Mrs. Dibrell in the chair, and the following members present: Mrs. S. J. Wright, Mrs. George Langston, Mrs. R. C. Shindler, Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Mrs. M. W. Sims, Mrs. T. P. Marshall, Mrs. Maggie Barry, Miss Annie Halbert, Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Mrs. G. R. Scott, Mrs. J. R. Griffin, Mrs. H. B. Fall, Miss Anna Shelton. Mrs. I. H. Burney, on account of absence in Europe, resigned as recording secretary and Miss Anna Shelton was appointed to fill the vacancy. Miss Halbert, chairman of the Music Committee, reported seven new music scholarships given the Federation, a total of eleven now available. "The president offered these recommendations in her report: That the funds left over from the entertainment of the General Federation Council be appropriated to publish the history of the Texas Federation from its beginning in book form; to make some changes in the rules governing the award of the Texas University Scholarship, especially the awarding it for a full

four-years' course, instead of year by year." Mrs. Dibrell reported having appointed Mrs. William Christian of Houston as chairman of a committee to compile data for the history of the Federation; also her acceptance of the editorship, in case of favorable action by the convention.

At 7 p. m. the Executive Board was entertained with a supper by the Executive Board of the XXI Club. The Executive Board met again on Wednesday, November 17, at 5:30 p. m. Mrs. Barry moved that the "Treasurer's books alone be turned over to the next Treasurer, and that all useless data be destroyed, vouchers retained. Carried. A balance of \$17.00 from the Fifth District Educational Fund, upon motion of Mrs. H. B. Fall, was voted to the Texas University Scholarship girl, to purchase a rug for her room, as an appreciation of her excellent record in her studies. Greetings were read from Mrs. Pennybacker and Mrs. Goodhue from Munich, Germany; the Board appreciated the loving interest of these friends in foreign lands. Board met again on Friday, November 19, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Harry Obenchain and Mrs. E. E. Bramlette were added to those present previously. "The Convention having failed to arrange for the continuance of a salaried field worker in the organization of Parents and Friends Clubs, the chair was authorized to pay Miss Hardy of Denton, the present worker, and account to the Educational Conference for amount disbursed.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was called to order in Denison at 10 a. m., November 16, 1909, Mrs. Dibrell in the chair. "The meeting was held in the club house of the XXI Club, a beautiful and commodious building, the ownership of which reflects much credit on the club-women of Denison. The club rooms were perfect in every appointment, being most artistic in construction and furnishings." After addresses of welcome, to which Mrs. Dibrell responded in the absence of Mrs.

W. D. Berry, Mrs. J. B. Poston gave a splendid historic sketch of Denison. The following clubs, recommended favorably by the Executive Board, were unanimously elected to membership: First District—Woman's Club, Anson; Thursday Club, Bowie; Harmony Club, Brownwood; Bay View Club, Bridgeport; Hesperian Club, Colorado; History Club, and Euterpean Club, Fort Worth; Benevolent Club, Hereford; Mothers' Club, Quanah; New Century Club, and Floral Club, Wichita Falls. Second District—Research Club, and Woman's Department Club, Cleburne; W. C. T. U. Mothers' Club, and Southside Literary Club, Denison; South School Mothers' Club, Gainesville; Shakespeare Club, Itasca; Owl Club, McKinney; Woman's Literary Club, Morgan; Shakespeare Club, Rockwall; Pierian Literary Club, Walnut Springs. Third District—Pierian Club, Corsicana; Chautauqua Club, Cooper; Pallas Club, Greenville; Standard Club, Longview; Pioneer Club, Terrell; Wednesday Club, Texarkana. Fourth District—Civic Club, Columbus; Woman's Civic Club, Groesbeck; Alamo Mothers' Club, Galveston; Ladies' Reading Club, San Augustine; Woman's Shakespeare Club, Smithville; New Century Club, Waco. Fifth District—Woman's Department Club, Bartlett; Initial History Club, Georgetown; Woman's Literary Club, Kerrville; Woman's Culture Club, Llano.

Mrs. Fall, chairman, presented a record book for use of the Club Extension Committee, which was accepted with thanks. "Letters of greeting were read by the secretary from several State Federations; from Mrs. I. W. Dawson, recording secretary of the General Federation, also from the General Federation President, Mrs. Eva Perry Moore, of St. Louis, regretting her absence. One of the most distinguished visitors of the convention was Mrs. John Threadgill, president of the Oklahoma Federation of Women's Clubs." In the afternoon's session, discussion of the reports called attention to the Day Nursery in Dallas where children may

be left and cared for at 25 cents per week. The Reading Club of Beaumont was raising money for its clubhouse by providing school lunches. Houston City Federation published a souvenir volume and made \$1600.00 towards a club house. "Mrs. W. W. Bains read the report of the General Federation Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Henderson of San Angelo, who was absent." The exhibit from the College of Industrial Arts at Denton was announced on display at Waples Memorial Church. Miss M. G. Hardy of Denton read a paper on The Importance of Parents, Teachers and Friends Clubs in Rural Districts.

"President's Evening, Tuesday, November 16, drew a large crowd. Mrs. S. J. Wright, the First Vice-president, presided. Mrs. J. B. Dibrell was the chief speaker of the evening. Her annual address reviewed the work of the organization of Women's Clubs, principally state, but touched on the work of the General Federation. She told of work done in the various lines of club work, and announced the passage of the Library Commission bill by the last legislature. Mrs. H. B. Fall of Houston gave a report of the meeting of the Woman's Council in San Antonio.

"The musical numbers of the evening were a vocal solo, The Jewel Song, sung by Mrs. Frank Sproule of Oklahoma City, and a violin solo by Curt Beck, his selection, *Fleur dis Lis*, a composition of Carl Venth of Kidd-Key Conservatory of Music. Miss Kate Friend of Waco, gave an address, *Is Shakespeare Dead?* Miss Friend spent the summer wandering about scenes of Avon, and charmingly told of Shakespeare's home, with references and quotations from his works. This closed the program, and the audience repaired to the club parlors, where the XXI Club ladies tendered an informal reception to Mrs. Dibrell.

At Wednesday's session Mrs. Maggie Barry, chairman of the Literature Committee, reported 468 outlines and programs sent out; six outlines had been compiled, two of these on education, the General Federation had

requested permission to issue to the clubs. Suggestions that six best year-books sent in should be exhibited at the annual convention, for the use of new clubs, and that plans should be formulated for holding a yearly contest in original literary composition, were accepted. Mrs. G. R. Scott of Corpus Christi, gave her report of civic work as chairman. Mrs. O. L. McKnight delivered a beautifully and logically prepared paper on Parks and Playgrounds, which the convention voted to have published, that it might be read by the fathers of Texas. Another splendid paper was that of Miss Eva Fowler, of North Texas College, Sherman, on Municipal Art. Mrs. Emma Richardson Cherry, of Houston, an artist and teacher of note, sent a collection of pictures to be shown to the members of the convention at this session. Victoria carried off the honor for splendid work in creating civic pride, to a great extent, among the negroes, and organizing a civic league in negro schools. A motion was passed that March 10 be established officially as Civic Day. The sub-topic, Impure Food and Marketing, brought out much discussion. Mrs. Eli Hertzberg of San Antonio suggested that if housekeepers would study and familiarize themselves with the pure food laws, their troubles would be lightened. The Mothers' Council was conducted by Mrs. S. J. Wright, who opened the discussion with the question, "What work in your club during the past year has been of most benefit to the school children?" Responses showed that much had been done in placing drinking fountains, providing lunches, beautifying grounds and placing pianos and pictures in schools. Mrs. Eli Hertzberg of San Antonio gave an address, Organized Motherhood for Home and School. Mrs. Harold Robinson of Galveston, told How We Formed Our Alamo School Mothers' Club, which has the distinction of being the first federated Mothers' Club in the state. Mrs. S. J. Blocher of Longview spoke on Why are our young women so ignorant of the duties and responsibilities of motherhood? When is the Mother the Child's Enemy?

was the subject of a discussion led by Mrs. Albert Gantt of Dallas, an officer of the Colonial Hill Mothers' Club. She was followed by Mrs. Grace Zimmer of Houston, who spoke of the Effect of Heredity on Character. A question box was then opened, and the queries read by the chair, ably answered by the mothers present. Mrs. Fred Fleming of Dallas spoke of The Importance of Co-operation of Mothers' Clubs and the Federation. Dr. A. Caswell Ellis of the State University, who had made the trip for the sole purpose of addressing this Mothers' Council, was then introduced and listened to with the greatest attention. Upon adjournment, the audience was invited to the club parlors, where the teachers of the city schools received informally.

Wednesday evening was Fine Arts Evening. "The following artistic program was rendered: Violin duet (Godard), Misses Helen Norfleet and Fern Hobson; French Serenade (Sawyer), Miss Maude Walker; Waltz Song (Arditi), Mrs. E. M. Polk; Still Wie die Nacht (Bohm), Mrs. Mamie Folsom Wynne; Wedding March and Elfin Chorus (Mendelssohn-Liszt), Miss Alice Adkisson; Reading, The Lie, Miss Margaret Emma McCartney; Love's Serenade (Julia D. Owen), Mrs. Nettie Everett Groom; Humoresque (Dvorak), Miss Fern Hobson; La Coquette (Stern), Miss Helen Renstraum; Tell Me Oh Bird (Abt), Miss Maude Walker; Quartette From Rigoletto (Liszt), Mrs. Drake; Could I? (Tosti), Mrs. Mamie Folsom Wynne; Reading, Mandy's Organ, Miss McCartney; Song of Thanksgiving (Alletson), Mrs. Groom; Gypsy Airs (Sarasate), Miss Katherine Norfleet; The Danza (Chadwick), Mrs. Polk; Presentation of Medal, Mrs. J. B. Dibrell; Accompanist, Miss Blanche McKie." Miss Julia Owens of Fort Worth won the prize for the best original vocal composition, Love's Serenade.

Thursday morning session brought the reports on Knidergarten, by Mrs. T. P. Marshall, Dallas, and on Education, by Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Texarkana. Miss

Drew of Dallas read a paper, *The Instincts of Childhood*. The official minutes read: "Mrs. Bramlette reported 14 scholarships filled. Since the establishment of the Loan Fund, three years ago, loans aggregating \$2,263.77 had been made to 21 young ladies. \$538.00 had been repaid. The committee recommended: first, that five scholarships, valued at \$100.00 each, be set apart to be loaned to one student in each of the State Normal schools and the College of Industrial Arts; second, that the committee on Education be divided, because of growing demands upon it. That Committee on Education No. 1 consist of one member from each district and have charge of the Loan Funds and Scholarships, and Committee on Education No. 2 (personnel not indicated) have broader scope of work, such as (educational) Law and Legislation, Morals, Public Schools, and Mothers' Clubs. Mrs. Barry moved adopting the report with recommendations referred to a committee named by chair." Dr. Caswell Ellis, Mr. Hughes, superintendent of Denison public schools, and Mrs. Maggie Barry all spoke on educational topics; the discussion following showed strong sentiment in favor of Compulsory Education and moral teaching. Mrs. E. P. Turner reported having secured the passage of three bills which converted the Gatesville Reformatory into a State Juvenile Training School. The chair stated that two women had been appointed on the Board of Managers, one of whom, Mrs. J. A. Jackson, of Austin, had written expressing a desire to carry out the Federation plans in the management of the institution. Miss Reta Carroll told of student life at the College of Industrial Arts. Judge J. L. Terrell of Fort Worth spoke on Our State Trade Schools. During the afternoon session a paper sent by Mrs. J. C. Terrell of Fort Worth on The Texas Library and Historical Commission, was read by Mrs. H. B. Fall. The Art Committee recommended further agitation in form of Municipal and State Art Commissions; that the Texas Federation of

Women's Clubs become a chapter of the American Federation of Arts; the report was adopted, with recommendation referred to a committee. Mrs. H. B. Fall of Houston announced the arrival of a number of copies of Mrs. Elizabeth Strong Tracy's Analysis of Parliamentary Law, gifts of Mrs. Tracy to the convention. These were received with thanks. Mrs. Olga Kohlberg's report for the Committee on Laws Affecting Women and Children was read, showing that efforts were to be made to have needed laws for protection of women presented in the coming legislature. Mrs. M. W. Sims of Bryan read resolutions on the death of Captain J. C. Terrell, honorary member, husband of the past president. They were adopted by silent, standing vote.

Mrs. Bramlette moved to amend the President's recommendation to read, "We recommend the plan of sending out one or more field workers under the auspices of the Federation to organize Parents, Friends and Teachers Clubs throughout the town and rural districts, with state and associate committees to assist in the organization and supervision of the work, such as has been put into practice by this administration and which we pray may be adopted as the policy of this body and continued." Recommendation adopted. Miss Friend, as chairman of the Resolutions Committee, submitted Mrs. Fred Fleming's resolution, and moved the following substitute: "That the Committee on Mothers' Clubs meet with the incoming presidents of the several districts and take with them such measures as seem best to them to support the work of organizing and developing Mothers' Clubs." Adopted.

Friday morning's session brought the report of the History Committee with the request that the clubs devote one program to the study of Texas history. Mrs. G. F. Stenger of Dallas was thanked for a study outline on Texas History presented the convention through the History chairman, Mrs. Edmund Key of Marshall. Mrs. Fall of Houston moved that the Federation appoint a

committee on Waterways and Forestry. Motion carried. Left to the new administration to name the committee. Mr. George Kessler of Kansas City, landscape architect, gave an illustrated lecture on Town and Village Improvement. The closing session of Friday afternoon was taken up with business and elections. The committees appointed to consider the recommendations of the Art and Education Committees, concurred therein. Amendments to the Constitution were adopted, as follows: "Article VII of the Constitution to read: The state shall be divided into five districts, each district having management of its own affairs, subject to the approval of the Executive Board and of the State Federation president, provided there be no conflict with the constitution and by-laws of the State Federation." Article VIII to read: "The presiding officers of the various districts shall be considered the nominees for the office of Vice-presidents below the first, and shall have equal rank." Article XII was changed to require only 30 days' notice of a proposed amendment. Article I, Section 2, of the by-laws was changed so that the First Vice-president should preside in the absence of the president, and in case of absence of the First Vice-president, the appointed members of the Executive Board should "name from among the Vice-presidents, one to serve in the president's place." Article I, Section 3, of the By-laws revised to add, "She shall compile ready for the press such materials as she has in her possession for the year-book, and turn them over to the Corresponding Secretary." Article I, Section 4, amended to state more definitely the duties of the Corresponding Secretary. Article I, Section 5, amended to place in custody of the Treasurer the Educational Loan Funds and collection of same. Article I, Section 7, amended to give the Executive Board authority to select time and place for all meetings both state and executive, and Article V changed to harmonize therewith. Article II. Amended so that applications

are filed with Club Extension Committee, to be presented to the Executive Board. Article VIII, Section 3, to be added: "In the absence of the chairman of a committee at a meeting of the Executive Board, the acting chairman shall have all the rights and privileges of a chairman. Mrs. S. J. Wright of Paris moved that the sale of the Red Cross stamps for Christmas packages, inaugurated in this administration, be continued, as 70 per cent of the receipts can be used in our Texas anti-tuberculosis work. Carried. Perhaps the most important resolution adopted at Denison is the following one: "Whereas, the logical corollary of free education is compulsory education, and, Whereas, the logical corollary of compulsory education is industrial education, therefore be it Resolved, that compulsory education would be impracticable unless associated with a system of training in our schools which would fit such children for economic independence." The Federation endorsed the work of the Pure Food Commission and the State Department of Health. They pledged their support to the efforts of the Conference for Education in Texas.

The election resulted as follows: Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris, President; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth, First Vice-president; Mrs. Marshall Spoonts, Fort Worth, President First District; Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne, President Second District; Mrs. George H. Collins, Greenville, President Third District; Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Center, President Fourth District; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi, President Fifth District; Mrs. J. B. Poston, Denison, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. N. Furey, Paris, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. J. Thomas, Honey Grove, Treasurer; Mrs. Grace Zimmer, Houston, Auditor; Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Seguin, State Secretary to General Federation. Mrs. Dibrell then presented the Federation gavel to Mrs. S. J. Wright, and introduced each newly elected officer, who made acknowledgment of the honor conferred." After adjournment of the convention, Mrs. Dibrell arranged

for a joint meeting of the old Executive Board with the newly elected officers at 4:30 p. m. "Mrs. Scott, in behalf of the Board and as a token of their love and appreciation, presented Mrs. Dibrell with a silver loving cup. Mrs. Dibrell feelingly expressed her deep gratitude, and after passing the cup in an unbroken chain around the circle, turned the meeting over to Mrs. Wright." An informal discussion of unfinished and new business ensued. This has become a customary procedure in the Federation, as it tends to continuity in the work and saves time and labor in starting off a new administration.

The social activities of the Twelfth Convention included, in addition to those already named, as stated in the official program, a reception on Thursday afternoon by the Woman's Auxiliary to Railway Mail Association, a concert by the Constance Balfour Company on Thursday evening, followed by an informal reception, and an entertainment at the Elks' home on Friday evening, November 19.

Mrs. Dibrell has ever kept in close touch with Federation affairs, and the Federation has shown its appreciation of her energy and enthusiasm by keeping her in official rank. Most ably filling her duties as State Secretary to the General Federation, 1909-1911, she served through the two succeeding administrations as chairman of the Legislative Committee, and has done valiant service in aiding to secure the passage of bills sponsored by the Federation. With all these activities she has found time to foster the upbuilding of the Fine Arts Association of which she is the president, and which is becoming the nucleus around which art interests in Texas center.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE SEVENTH ADMINISTRATION
1909—1911.

"The local area of applied Christianity has extended its borders until it has been discovered that women and children and the home constitute our assets of national strength, and that the protection of all women is a just and natural demand."

—Mrs. S. J. Wright in address delivered at Houston, November 25, 1911.—

"Her address, always dignified and imposing, is courteous, though reserved, is approachable and in sympathy with every phase of the work which tends to the education, elevation and greater happiness of all mankind."

—Club Woman's Argosy, January, 1910.—

Mrs. S. J. Wright is proud of the fact that she climbed the Federation official ladder rung by rung. She was a charter member of the Lotus Club of Paris, which club, it may be of interest to note, was organized by Mrs. M. Louise Thomas upon her removal to Paris from Waco, where she had assisted in organizing the State Federation, and became its first corresponding secretary. When Mrs. Wright became president of the local Chautauqua Circle (C. L. S. C.), she resigned her membership in the Lotus Club, believing as she yet does that a mother with young children cannot, *generally* speaking, do good, consistent work in more than



MRS. S. J. WRIGHT
Paris



one club. Upon the completion of her four years' Chautauqua course Mrs. Wright returned to the Lotus Club. Her career in the Federation may be briefly stated thus: Member of the Art Committee 1901-03, when she prepared outlines for the work of the traveling art gallery, chairman of the Art Committee 1903-05, president of the Third District 1905-07, First Vice-president 1907-09, President.

Mrs. Wright's administration has been frequently called the administration for the child, while others have termed it the Reform administration. Her efforts were not only directed towards reforming child labor conditions and those of the woman wage earner, also that the families of convicts might receive a certain portion of a wage paid the convict for his services as a laborer for the state, but she used her influence towards an investigation of prison conditions in Texas, thus to bring about prison reform, through learning that the report of a previous investigation of this kind was lying amid the archives of the state, never having been made public."

In Mrs. Wright's own words: "This administration outlined as the foundation of its endeavors the three-fold development of the child, physical, mental and moral."

Mrs. E. E. Bramlette of Huntsville, Mrs. C. B. Stone of Galveston and Mrs. Cone Johnson of Tyler accepted appointment as members of the Executive Board. The President appointed the following standing committees: Art—Mrs. A. P. Hall, Galveston, Chairman; Miss Ella O'Reilly, Cleburne; Mrs. H. L. Moseley, Weatherford. Badge—Mrs. J. A. West, West, Chairman; Mrs. T. E. Hay, Ennis; Mrs. W. L. Grogan, Abilene. Civics—Mrs. J. L. Dupree, Victoria, Chairman; Mrs. Robert F. Lindsay, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. George Willrich, La Grange. Health Department—Mrs. W. D. Love, Uvalde, Chairman; Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Longview; Mrs. C. C. Ferrell, Anson. Parks and School Grounds—Mrs. Belle Dilgarde, San Antonio, Chairman; Mrs. W. R.

Burns, Corsicana; Mrs. O. T. Maxwell, Cisco. Waterways and Forest Conservation—Mrs. Henry B. Fall, Houston, Chairman; Mrs. W. J. Sedberry, Jefferson; Mrs. Edwin Moore, Sherman. Club Extension—Mrs. John M. Key, Brenham, Chairman; Miss Kitty Frazier, Morgan; Mrs. W. I. Ball, Mineral Wells. Education—Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, Sherman, Chairman; Miss Nothera Barton, Sherman; Miss Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio. Associate Members Education Committee—Mrs. John B. Pondrom, Pilot Point; Mrs. M. D. Tilson, Texarkana; Miss Lena Bromberg, Crockett; Miss Lida Dougherty, Beeville. History—Mrs. J. H. Ewell, Goliad, Chairman; Mrs. W. F. Price, Nacogdoches; Mrs. Horace Leeper, Waxahachie. Home Economics—Mrs. R. H. Garrison, Denton, Chairman; Mrs. A. L. Henderson, Coleman; Mrs. T. J. Wiley, Tyler. Kindergarten—Mrs. W. S. Faires, Denison, Chairman; Mrs. R. S. Bryarly, Center; Mrs. J. G. Merritt, Colorado. Library—Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Paris, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Pearce, Austin; Mrs. W. R. McClellan, Stephenville. Literature—Mrs. E. B. Stover, Mexia, Chairman; Mrs. J. F. Merritt, Del Rio; Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth. Music—Mrs. George H. Carpenter, Brownwood, Chairman; Miss Claire Perkins, Greenville; Mrs. Lois Cory-Thompson, San Antonio. Printing—Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham, Chairman; Mrs. T. P. Steger, Bonham; Mrs. Nat P. Jackson, Paris. Program—Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas, Chairman; Mrs. E. B. Reppert, Dallas; Miss M. B. Fenwick, San Antonio. Pure Food—Mrs. L. A. Wells, Amarillo, Chairman; Mrs. M. Scully, Marshall; Mrs. Charles King, Whitesboro.

Special committees were: Education Extension to Form "Home and School Clubs"—Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio, Chairman; Mrs. R. R. Dancy, Houston; Miss Nettie Christian, Cleburne. Associate Members Education Extension—Mrs. A. L. Jackson, Fort Worth; Miss Lillian Gunter, Gainesville; Miss Alice Emmert, Jefferson; Mrs. Harold Robinson, Galveston; Mrs.

Henry Redmond, Corpus Christi. Laws Affecting Women and Children—Mrs. W. B. Wynne, Wills Point; Chairman; Mrs. John M. Green, Yoakum; Mrs. R. C. Crane, Sweetwater. Finance—Mrs. R. C. Shindler, Dalhart, Chairman; Mrs. Fred Chase, Quanah; Mrs. J. W. Downs, Waco. Outlook—Mrs. B. B. Throop, Austin, Chairman; Miss Kathleen Jones, Corpus Christi; Mrs. R. E. Cofer, Gainesville. Press—Mrs. M. C. Kersh, Dallas, Chairman; Mrs. C. A. Waller, Weatherford; Mrs. E. J. Gibson, Corsicana; Mrs. F. M. B. Hughs, Wharton; Mrs. A. C. Bell, San Antonio. Revised Constitution—Mrs. R. M. Henderson, San Angelo, Chairman; Mrs. M. H. Shanley, Granbury; Mrs. P. G. Stokes, Big Spring. Transportation—Mrs. Hal Noble, Fort Worth, Chairman; Mrs. B. F. McKay, Terrell; Mrs. J. S. Peter, San Antonio. Texas Member to General Federation Health Department—Mrs. W. D. Love, Uvalde.

As the retiring president, with full knowledge of state affairs, Mrs. J. B. Dibrell was chosen as an ideal State Secretary to the General Federation; thus was established the happy precedent of placing the retiring State President in this office.

The Federation having decided to adopt an official organ, Mrs. Wright appointed Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Huntsville; Mrs. William Christian, Houston, and Mrs. Marshall Spoonts, Fort Worth, as a committee on this matter, and "The Club Woman's Argosy" of Dallas, Mrs. M. C. Kersh, editor, was chosen. In a circular letter January 3, 1910, Mrs. Wright proposed a literary contest on the subject What Is Child Study? under the direction of the State Literature Committee; the best essay in each district to have a place on the district program and to be published in the Argosy.

The Third District held its annual meeting in Longview, April 5, 6, 1910. Mrs. Geo. Collins, Greenville, presided. The sessions were held in the High School auditorium. The convention opened Tuesday, April 5, with an informal reception at the home of Mrs. E. P.

Boring from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. Mrs. D. Curie presided on President's Evening, when Mrs. S. J. Wright, State President, covered the vast scope of women's club work in her message, and Mrs. George Collins gave her annual address, which she entitled A Nation's Call to the Women. Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Lewis of Ennis, Mrs. Huberta Nunn of Corsicana, Miss Maude Williams, Miss Verta Eckman, Miss Claire Perkins, the High School Glee Club, Mrs. Melton, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Boring, according to The Club Woman's Argosy, which also mentions with enthusiasm Miss Hallet McPhail's bird-like whistling, and the burlesque history of Longview by Mrs. J. C. Lacy. The business sessions were held Wednesday. Notable papers were Importance of Home and School Clubs by Miss Alice Emmert of Jefferson, The Importance of Keeping Our Children in Sympathy With Real Life by Mrs. Chas. T. Kennedy of Greenville, the prize essay What Is Child Study? by Mrs. W. H. Atterbury of Marshall. Mrs. J. E. Owens stirred her audience with her address on Prison Reform. Wednesday evening witnessed the final reception tendered by the local clubwomen to their visitors, at Elks' Hall.

The ninth annual meeting of the Fourth District was held in La Grange, April 12, 13. From the report of Mrs. C. M. Hughs, press representative, one learns "The District Executive Board met in the afternoon of the 12th, and later a drive was taken to historic spots. President's Evening was a literary and musical treat, and attracted a large audience. On the platform were seated the State President, Mrs. S. J. Wright, the District President, Mrs. O. L. McKnight of Center, past presidents of both State and District, Mrs. J. B. Dibrell and Mrs. H. B. Fall, chairmen of standing committees, and those on the program: Mrs. W. G. Love, Houston, District Vice-president, presided." Club activities held first place in the convention, in reports from individual clubs. Hon. Geo. E. Lenert told the history of La Grange, which was selected by the Congress of the

Republic as capital of the state in 1838, but Gen. Sam Houston vetoed the bill as he considered the location was not central enough. The prize essay *What Is Child Study?* for this district was written by Mrs. C. T. Upham of Galveston.

The Fifth District met in Yoakum, April 14-16. On the afternoon of the 14th, the visitors were given an automobile drive around the thriving town. Mrs. A. B. Peticolas of Victoria presided on President's Evening, April 14, when Mrs. Wright, State President, and Mrs. G. R. Scott, the District President, gave their able messages. The Yoakum Choral Club and Mrs. Oscar Roos of Victoria and Mrs. Cory-Thompson of San Antonio were the musical artists. Mrs. Ragsdale gave the historical sketch of Yoakum. "Friday was devoted to club reports. The school work, including Domestic Science by Mrs. Rodgers of San Antonio, Manual Training by Prof. W. S. Fleming of Cuero, and Hygiene by Mrs. T. S. Tabbott of San Marcos, was well presented." Mrs. A. R. Thomas, San Antonio, read a paper on *The Modern Drama*. Mrs. Henry Redmond of Corpus Christi had the prize-winning essay *What Is Child Study?*

The eighth annual meeting of the Second District was held in Hillsboro, April 20-22. The Executive Board of the Federation had accepted the invitation of the Hillsboro clubs to hold its semi-annual meeting at this time, and the Board met on the 20th inst., transacted its business and remained over for the district convention. The Executive Board unanimously adopted a recommendation "favoring civic unity through school houses being utilized as social centers." It also endorsed the Prison Reform movement in our state. The Federation year-book (1910-11) makes mention of "ten medical scholarships for deserving young women offered through the courtesy of our State University" and the following additional literary and musical scholarships: "Terrill University School, Dallas; Trinity University, Waxahachie (Voice); Mrs. R. L. Cox, Houston (two in Voice); Kindergarten Association, San Antonio; Acad-

emy of Fine and Industrial Arts, Dallas; Miss Alice Ferguson, Dallas (Piano); Miss G. Fred Thompson, Dallas; Mrs. Jules D. Roberts, Dallas; Miss Elise Griffing, Dallas." The Vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Bradford, being absent, Mrs. W. F. Sims of Hillsboro presided on President's Evening. Both Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt of Cleburne, District President, and Mrs. S. J. Wright, State President, gave excellent addresses. The historical sketch of Hillsboro was given by Mrs. C. F. Greenwood in a most interesting manner. Music was furnished by Miss Grace Switzer, Itasca; Miss Palma Anderson, Waxahachie, and Mr. Dickey, Hillsboro. The business session opened Thursday morning, Mrs. Honeycutt in the chair. Reports of standing committees and individual clubs showed much interested activity along all lines of work. Miss Ruby Lawrence of Dallas rendered a vocal solo, after which the convention adjourned for luncheon as the guests of the Board of Trade at the Katy dining room. (The representative from the Board of Trade who delivered this invitation, modestly mentioned as "Mr. Parr" in the published reports, surely must be the husband of Miss Annie Halbert of Corsicana, formerly State Chairman of Music, whose brilliant wedding received special mention in *The Club Woman's Argosy*.) A notable paper in one session was *The Why and How of City Planning* by Mrs. J. J. Hardin, Dallas. Mrs. A. M. Gantt of Dallas led the Child Study session, during which the prize essay for this district *What Is Child Study?* by Miss Eleanor M. Winn of Dallas was read. "The attendance at this convention was large and the feeling most happy and cordial. The crowning social event was a brilliant reception tendered the delegates and visitors by the Monday Review and Sesame Clubs of Hillsboro at the residence of Mayor Woodall."

The First District held its convention in Big Spring, April 27, 28, opening the meeting on the morning of the 27th inst. Benefits to be Derived from District Meetings was the topic of Miss Breedlove, Sweetwater. An

original poem *The Texas Flag* by Mrs. Will Berry of Merkel was read. *What Is Education?* by Mrs. Henry Halff, Midland, opened a discussion of that topic. A unique note was struck in the program by having delegates from certain towns assigned to discuss certain reports as they appeared on the program; thus the Kindergarten Committee's report was discussed by the delegates from Hereford and Snyder; that of Pure Food Committee, by delegates from Bowie and Hico. President's Evening was held at 8:30 o'clock, April 27, with Mrs. Lee Young, District Vice-president, presiding. Mrs. Marshall Spoonts, Fort Worth, gave her annual President's address, Mrs. S. J. Wright, State President, delivered an inspiring message to the clubwomen. District medals for prize song and prize piano compositions were presented. An historical sketch of Big Spring and Howard County was read by Mrs. O. G. Jones, Big Spring. The session of April 28, saw the opening of the Query Box on Parliamentary Law, presided over by Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth. The Billboard Nuisance was discussed by Mrs. R. C. Crane, Sweetwater. A reception was held at the Y. M. C. A. in the evening and a delightful auto drive with lunch in the country was an added hospitality on the morning of the 29th.

The tenth Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Cincinnati, May 10-19, 1910, meeting in the great auditorium of Music Hall. It outranked in brilliancy any previous Biennial, bringing together women from the North, South, East and West, and from over the seas, ready to carry on the great philanthropic and educational interests they endorsed. A large delegation was present from Texas, though one familiar face was absent, as Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker was spending this year in Europe in travel and study.

During the summer, the Literature Committee published the rules governing the "Literary Contest" recommended at the Denison Convention, and which was adopted as a permanent activity of the clubwomen. These rules were: Only members of federated clubs

could compete; composition must be a poem, short story, or special article; manuscript typewritten, not over 2000 words; district chairmen of literature committees to receive manuscript by October 1, of each year; signed with a fictitious name and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the fictitious and the real name and address of the author; the chairmen of the District Literature Committees to send the best poem, short story and special article submitted to them to the State Chairman before November 1 of each year; the best poem, short story and special article will be published in the official organ of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs; State Chairman to have the right to reject all manuscript and no manuscript to be returned.

The invitation of San Antonio was accepted for holding the Thirteenth Annual Convention, and the dates fixed for November 29, 30, and December 1, 2, 1910. The State Executive Board met on November 29, in the St. Anthony Hotel. The president offered these recommendations with her report: That all City Federations be admitted as members; that the establishment of municipal art commissions be encouraged; that the legislature be asked to change Arbor Day to an earlier date.

At 2 p. m., the Council of Presidents convened in the assembly hall of the St. Anthony, Mrs. Pennybacker presiding. Presidents of a number of City Federations reported their work—Mrs. N. S. Davis for Fort Worth, Mrs. E. B. Reppert for Dallas, Miss Kate Friend for Waco, Mrs. Henry Fall for Houston. Many women took part in the discussion on Practical Value of Parliamentary Law in Club Work, among them Mrs. E. S. Tracy, Houston; Mrs. Homer D. Wade, Stamford; Mrs. Oscar Barthold, Weatherford; Mrs. M. E. Bryan, Houston; Miss Lydia Dougherty, Beeville. "The spirit of brotherhood and co-operation was discussed by Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Marshall; Miss Olive Peak, Fort Worth; Mrs. Decca Lamar West, Waco, and Mrs. J. W. Draughon, Fort Worth." The discussions attending the Fraternal

Relation Between Rural and City Clubs, and Our Clubs (a) Our Successes, (b) Our Difficulties, were animated and instructive, and participated in by Mrs. J. L. Dupree, Victoria; Mrs. W. J. Sedbury, Jefferson; Mrs. Cecil Smith and Mrs. W. B. Pitts of Sherman; Mrs. Howell Lewis, Marshall; Mrs. K. B. Matthews, San Marcos; Mrs. W. G. Kingsbury, Morgan; Mrs. G. Schasse, San Antonio; Mrs. Sterling Bristelt, Childress; Mrs. Theodore Heisig, Beaumont; Mrs. W. E. Odem, Seymour. Adjournment was followed by a "Getting Acquainted" reception at 4:30 p. m., given by the San Antonio City Federation, to the delegates and visitors, "in the St. Anthony Mezzanine." President's Evening was held in Beethoven Hall at 8 o'clock the same date, Mrs. Bacon Saunders of Fort Worth, First Vice-president, presiding. In addition to the cordial addresses of welcome, Mrs. Reese Wilson of San Antonio extended greetings in clever original verse. Greetings from ex-presidents, Mrs. Rotan, Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Pennybacker, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Dibrell, were followed by the address of Mrs. S. J. Wright, stressing the needs of the child, and prison reform. A resume of the Cincinnati Biennial by Mrs. Dibrell, an address by Mrs. Pennybacker, the historical sketch of San Antonio by Miss Sarah King, and musical numbers by Mrs. Alfred Duerles and Mrs. L. L. Marks completed the program.

Wednesday morning came the formal opening of the convention in the St. Anthony assembly hall, the president in the chair. The following clubs were elected to membership: First District—Mothers' Club, Aloha Club and Rosenfeld Music Club, Abilene; Columbian Club, Crowell; Korasophian Literary Society of Polytechnic College, Fort Worth; Utile Dulci Club, Hamlin; Mothers' Club, Hereford; XX Century Club, Henrietta; Civic League, Mineral Wells; Civic Improvement Club, Pecos; Girls' Library Club, Roscoe; Pierian Club, Seymour; Mothers' Club, Stephenville; Victoria Club, Toyah. Second District—Poet Followers, Dallas; North School Mothers' Club, Gainesville; Woman's Civic

League, Whitney; Wednesday Music Club, Walnut Springs. Third District—Wednesday Music Club, Jefferson. Fourth District—Home and School Club, Kirbyville; Civic Club, League City. Fifth District—Alpha Study Club, Eagle Pass; Woman's Club, Kingsville; Woman's Club, Rock Springs; Girls' Study Club, San Angelo; Woman's Club, Shakespeare Club and Shakespeare Club of Baptist Academy, San Marcos; Mothers' Club, Stockdale; Civic Improvement Club, Taylor; Sidney Lanier Club, Thomaston. One club was re-instated, the Owl Club of Decatur.

The president's recommendations were adopted. In the absence of Mrs. J. B. Poston, Denison, Miss Kathleen Jones of Corpus Christi served acceptably as recording secretary. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. N. Furey, Paris, reported 873 pieces of Federation mail received, and 7297 sent out, including 5000 year-books of 1910-11; total membership in the Federation, 10,000 women. In the afternoon, Mrs. O. L. Clarke, Galveston, spoke on The Meaning of Civil Service Reform as Applied to Club Efforts. At 4:30 p. m., Mrs. Henry P. Drought was "At Home" to the visiting club-women who greatly enjoyed her gracious hospitality.

Wednesday, at 8 p. m., Fine Arts Evening was held in Central Christian Church. Mrs. George H. Carpenter, Brownwood, chairman of Music, presided, and presented this program: Invocation, Rev. Samuel McLellan; Aria from Traviata (Verdi), Miss Maude Williams; Vocal (Selected), Miss Nell Kouns; Slumber Song (Biard), prize piano composition, Miss Belle Biard, (a) Quando m'en vo (Puccini), (b) Happy Song (Del Riego), Mrs. L. L. Jester; Love's Roses All the Year (Foster), prize voice composition, Miss Ruth Foster; Tarantella, Venezia e Napoli (Liszt), Mrs. L. P. Allison; Illustrated Talk, Shakespeare, His Songs, Mrs. Lois Cory-Thompson; (a) Chanson Provencale (Del' Aqua), (b) The Butterfly (La Forge), Mrs. Edward M. Polk; Etude Symphonique (Schumann), Miss Claire Perkins; Reading (Selected), Mrs. A. A. Cocke; (a)

Joy of the Morning (Harriet Ware), (b) Violets (Lulu Jones-Downing), (c) Love is the Wind (MacFayden), Mrs. Claude L. Steele; Vocal (Selected), Mrs. Nettie Everett Groom; (a) Tonight (Zardo), (b) Last Rose of Summer, harp accompaniment, Mrs. L. L. Jester; Presentation of medals, Mrs. S. J. Wright; Accompanist, Mrs. M. D. Hesse.

Mrs. Eli Hertzberg presided over a conference of Home and School Clubs, on Thursday morning, December 1. Speakers of the morning were, Mrs. R. H. Henderson, San Angelo, on Revised Constitution; Mrs. W. B. Wynne, Wills Point, Laws Affecting Women and Children; Miss Mary King Drew, Dallas, on the Kindergarten; Mrs. Margaret Grable, Fort Worth, on Playgrounds. The State and the Boy was the theme of Mrs. J. A. Jackson, of Austin, member of the Board of Regents of the Gatesville School. Mrs. J. C. Terrell, chairman of the State Library Commission, held a Library Session, in which Mrs. B. W. Lewis spoke for traveling libraries and announced the gift of two libraries to the T. F. W. C. Discussion—(a) Management of Small Libraries, Mr. Benjamin Wyche; (b) State Library Commission, Mr. E. W. Winkler; (c) Library Legislation, Mr. R. R. Smith. Miss Lida Dougherty, Superintendent of Bee County Public Schools, spoke on Rural Conditions.

At 12:30 p. m., Mrs. Eli Hertzberg entertained the Executive Board and other distinguished guests with an elaborate luncheon at the St. Anthony.

Thursday afternoon the club extension work was emphasized, and the Educational Session held. Mrs. Hertzberg's topic was Education Extension to form Home and School Clubs, while Mrs. George Langston, Cisco, told how to form them. Mrs. Maggie Barry's report stressed the need of the reorganization of the school system of Texas. Dr. C. E. Evans, secretary, brought a report from the Conference of Education. Industrial Education and Humane Education were discussed by Miss Breedlove, Sweetwater, and Miss Kate

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and, Waco. Mrs. Henry B. Fall reported for the new
Highways and Forest Conservation Committee, Mrs.
P. Turner spoke on Conservation Plans, and state
senator, Hon. J. G. Willacy discussed Prison Reform.

Thursday evening at Central Christian Church, the
clubwomen listened with much interest to an address,
Child Welfare and Child Welfare Movements, by Dr.
Henry S. Curtis, Worcester, Mass. After the address,
the Woman's Club received visiting clubwomen and
their escorts at their club house.

The last day of the convention brought out the wide-
embracing subject of civics. Home Economics, Mrs.
R. H. Garrison, Denton; Pure Food, Mrs. Chas. King,
Whitesboro; In What Degree are Clubwomen Respon-
sible for the Increased Cost of Living?, Mrs. E. C.
Orrick, Fort Worth; and an address by Landon C.
Moore, city chemist, Dallas, showed the home-maker
was not lost in the clubwoman. Municipal duties were
covered in the topics, Parks and School-Grounds, Mrs.
Belle Dilgarde, San Antonio; The Public School as a
Social Center, Dr. George Gilmour; Tangible Results
of the Social Center Movement in Texas, Chas. W. Hol-
man; Health Department, Mrs. W. D. Love, Uvalde;
What You Can Do for the Purity of the Home and the
Conservation of Human Life, Dr. Malone Duggan. In
the afternoon, the child nature was considered in The
Child Who Is Misunderstood, Mrs. J. F. DeMar; Phys-
ical Exercises Suitable for Children, with demonstra-
tion, Miss Faye Nickerson; Question Box—Mother's
Problems; The New Movement for Conservation of
Child Life, Mrs. Arthur N. McCallum, Austin; The
Value of Concerted Action Among Clubwomen to Se-
cure a Cleaner Press, Mrs. J. B. Pondrom, Pilot Point.

The Resolutions Committee, through its chairman,
Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan, reported a number of reso-
lutions; among the most important were: Appealing
to the state authorities to have women added on the
boards of all institutions having to do with women and
children; pledging the support of the Federation in be-

half of a Bill "requiring that the dependent family of a convict be provided for out of the proceeds of his labor; further amendments, safeguarding the child-labor law; asking for necessary funds due to the expansion of the College of Industrial Arts; endorsing the National Rivers and Harbors Congress; placing the Federation on record as favoring a cleaner press—with less space given to scandal, and more to constructive details; to co-operate with the State Conference on Education; that Library Committee be known as Library Extension Committee; that Literature Committee be known as Bureau of Information; that a Civil Service Reform Committee be created as a sub-committee to civics; that Committee on Waterways and Forestry take the place of the discontinued Lecture Committee, and be known as Conservation Committee; that Outlook Committee be named Legislative Committee.

A fact of importance to the club movement reported at San Antonio was the success of Mrs. M. C. Kersh, as chairman of the Press, in securing the co-operation of the great dailies of the state in giving space to Federation activities. The list included the Dallas-Galveston News, and Times-Herald, Houston Post and Chronicle, San Antonio Express, Fort Worth Record and Star-Telegram, Austin Statesman, Waco Times-Herald, and El Paso Herald. Besides this, one paper in each county had been asked to copy the club news of interest to readers in his territory. At the San Antonio convention, the best six club year-books, selected by the Literature Committee, were first placed on exhibit—in friendly competition.

On March 20, 1911, Mrs. Wright issued a letter, announcing to the clubwomen the glad news of the passage of the Child Labor Law, known as the McNealus Bill.

The district meetings of 1911, began with that of the Second District at McKinney, April 11, 12, 13, as the guest of the City Federation, comprising eight literary clubs. President's Evening was observed on April 11,

an all-day session was held April 12, and the meeting adjourned after the morning session of April 13. McKinney proved an ideal hostess, and the gentlemen assisted the ladies in every possible way. Reports showed that the clubs had worked with the public schools, donating pictures for their rooms. One club held an Art Exhibit contest; another club gave prizes for best drawings. 1637 volumes have been added to libraries in the Second District. Miss Elise Griffing of Dallas, chairman of Music in this district, has had the happy idea of carrying music into charity institutions, jails, poor-houses, where its message may bring courage and cheer to a despondent heart. One club reported regular Sunday visits to the children of their cotton mills district, providing a story hour and simple refreshments.

The First District met in Mineral Wells, April 20-21. Among other good work reported, one club told how they awarded scholarships to the country girls, enabling them to attend high school, the members of this club providing homes for these girls in their own homes. 23 pictures were purchased in this district for art galleries and school-rooms. Miss Jean Powell, of this district, was awarded the Art Scholarship in North Texas Female College, Sherman.

The Fourth District held its meeting in Port Arthur, April 26-27. The State Executive Board accepted the invitation to meet with the district, and held its semi-annual business meeting on April 28, in the women's club house. The Fourth District has accomplished many good things in municipal art; a number of the clubs are now studying art; one club gave an exhibition of the Elson Pictures, in which the city schools, by invitation, made a display of drawings, and the Manual Training department had a collection of articles. Ten new Home and School Clubs were organized in this district.

The Third District met in Marshall, May 2, 3. A Council of Club Presidents was held on May 2, from 3:30 to 7 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Edmund Key, Mrs.

Wright presiding. President's Evening was held the same date at 8:30 p. m., Mrs. Douglas Wise, district Vice-president, presiding. The speakers of the evening were Past-president Mrs. Pennybacker, State president, Mrs. Wright, and District president, Mrs. George Collins.

San Marcos had the distinction of entertaining the clubs of the Fifth District on May 3, 4, 5. A reception was given the clubwomen on the evening of May 3, the business session was held May 4, and the convention closed at noon, May 5. The attendance was large and the reports good. One club told of educating a young lady who is a mute and not financially able to do this for herself; another club reported the maintenance of a Free Kindergarten for Mexican children; this district also boasts the only county where the county schools are graded, the indirect work of a clubwoman.

The Council meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was held at Memphis, April 19, 20, 1911, in the parlors of the Nineteenth Century Club.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Federation was held in Houston, November 21-24, 1911. The meetings were held in the banquet hall of the City Auditorium. Mrs. W. W. Bains, president of the City Federation, was general chairman of the local board, and, with her able assistant clubwomen, on hospitality bent, achieved an equal success in this convention, with other loyal clubwomen, who had served in like capacities upon similar occasions.

The Executive Board met in the parlor of the Bristol Hotel at 8 p. m., November 20, with Mrs. Wright presiding. Calling Vice-president, Mrs. G. R. Scott, to the chair, Mrs. Wright presented these recommendations: That the First Vice-president of the T. F. W. C. be known in future as Vice-president-at-Large, as she is elected with other state officers; that a nominating committee of three members be appointed by District Presidents to serve for district elections; that a new committee be formed to be known as the Social Service

Committee, to be included under the department of Civics.

At Tuesday morning's session the historical sketch of Houston was given by Mrs. Wm. Christian, Houston. The following clubs were unanimously elected to membership: City Federation, Abilene; Literary Club, Aldridge; Literary Club, Barstow; Civic Club, Bay City; Woman's Club, Beeville; Civic League, Clarendon; Pathfinders' Club, Clarendon; Woman's Culture Club, Commerce; Chautauqua Club, Cooper; City Federation, Corpus Christi; Harmony Club, Corpus Christi; City Federation, Dallas; Current Events Club, Devine; City Federation, Fort Worth; Pierian Club, Fort Worth; Susan M. Key Club, Fort Worth; Lover of Good Literature Club, Granger; Woman's Club, Henderson; City Federation, Houston; XXVI Club, Houston, XXth Century Club, Jewett; Clionian Club, Kaufman; History Club, Marfa; City Federation, Marshall; Home and School Club, Moulton; Current Events Club, Pearsall; XXth Century Club, Pecos; Department Club, Port Arthur; Mothers' Club, Port Arthur; Woman's Self Culture and Improvement Club, Port Arthur; Mothers' Club, Rosenberg; Austin Grammar School Club, San Antonio; Bohemian Scribblers' Club, San Antonio; Bonham School Mothers' and Teachers' Club, San Antonio; Bowie School Club, San Antonio; City Federation, San Antonio; History Club, San Antonio; Pen Women, San Antonio; Tuesday Musical Club, San Antonio; Authorian Club, San Benito; Civic Improvement Association, San Benito; Woman's Culture Club, San Benito; Central and High School Club, Texarkana; Woman's Civic League, Texarkana; Civic Association, Victoria; Mothers and Teachers Club, Walnut Springs; Woman's Study Club, Wellington; Edelweiss Club, Winnsboro. Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan, Mrs. Milton Bliem, San Antonio, and Mrs. L. M. Hogsett, Houston, were appointed the Nominating Committee. Tuesday afternoon was taken up with reports of officers and district presidents. At 4:30 p. m., the delegates ad-

Mrs Wright of Paris -

journed for "ye cup o' tea," at the Rossonian, the federated clubs of Houston acting as hostesses. Tuesday evening was President's Evening, with Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth, presiding. Two song numbers by Mrs. Jerome Swinford, Houston, and a piano number by Miss Mildred Foster furnished the evening's music. Mrs. L. Crozier French, president of the Tennessee Federation, brought greetings from her clubwomen. Mrs. Dibrell told of the Council meeting of the G. F. W. C. at Memphis. Mrs. Pennybacker gave a direct, forceful presentation of the new work of the General Federation—the raising of an Endowment Fund of \$100,000, that no good work they might undertake should be hampered by lack of funds immediately available. The amount assessed against each State Federation was not large—Texas' quota being only \$2000. As chairman of the Endowment Committee, Mrs. Pennybacker felt a pride in having her own state back of her, hence Texas was given the opportunity of having the honor of paying the first quota. Mrs. Wright's annual address, covering the two years' work of her administration was listened to with great interest. Among all the other Federation achievements, the links, so slowly but surely welded into the great chain binding town and country together, were forged at last—evidenced by the organization of the Armstrong County Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Normanna's Country-Woman's Club, and their affiliation with the State Federation. X

Some notable papers of Wednesday's sessions were How to Secure a Cleaner Press, Miss Fenwick, San Antonio; Laws Affecting Women and Children, Mrs. W. B. Wynne, Wills Point; Practical Art, Mrs. E. J. Kiest, Dallas; The Realistic or the Idealistic in Drama, Professor Stark Young, Texas University; Education Extension, to form Home and School Clubs, Miss Nellie Wilson, Houston; and Educational Foundations, Mrs. L. Crozier French, of Tennessee. In the Educational session, Wednesday afternoon, the three great needs

emphasized by the committee were brought out as Rural High Schools; Use of School Buildings as Social Centers, and Compulsory Education.

The gift of another Texas University Scholarship was announced; presented by Miss Nancy Lee Swan, who was once a beneficiary of the University Federation Scholarship, and who now has the position of State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Loans have been made to 14 girls during the past two years, amounting to \$1150; these young ladies are earning an aggregate income of \$8376 per year. The Literature Committee announced the six prize year-books were: XXVI Club, Houston; Woman's Club, El Paso, Monday Book, and Wednesday Clubs, Fort Worth; Shakespeare Club, Abilene, and Shakespeare Club, Denton. Upon adjournment, Wednesday afternoon, the Child Welfare Exhibit was inspected at the High School.

Wednesday at 8 p. m., Fine Arts Evening was held when this beautiful program was rendered: Invocation by Dr. W. S. Lockhart; Valse from Faust (Gounod), Mrs. Corneil Bacon, Texarkana; Schlummerlied (Emi Waltermire), Miss Mary Tennyson, Texarkana; Address, The Influence of Music, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio; Voice, Miss Anna Tomfohrde, Houston; Slumber Song (Nettie Tillett, Abilene), prize voice composition, sung by Mrs. Anna Clyde Plunkett, Houston; (a) Chanson d'Amour (Steinfeldt), (b) Rhapsodie, No. 8 (Liszt), Mrs. Warren Clarke, San Antonio; Charles Wakefield Cadman, at piano, played two of his Indian songs; (a) A Birthday Song (Mac Fayden), (b) Only a Rose (Lulu Jones-Downing), (c) At Dawning (Charles Wakefield Cadman), Mrs. Claude L. Steele, National Federation of Women's Clubs; Reading, Mrs. L. Crozier French, President Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs; Study for the Left Hand (Emi Waltermire), prize piano composition, played by Miss Emi Waltermire, Honey Grove; Voice, Mrs. R. L. Cox, Houston; Voice, Mrs. Turner Williamson, Houston; Presentation of Medals, Mrs. S. J. Wright. At the close of the

program, an informal reception was held by Mr. Cadman and Mrs. Steele, as the audience paid its respects to the distinguished artists.

The session of Thursday morning, November 23, was a notable one in Federation annals, when, in fifteen minutes, Texas' share of the General Federation Endowment Fund, \$2000, was pledged to Mrs. Pennybacker. Every Texas Child a Merry Christmas, was the topic of Miss Myra Lewis, San Marcos. Thursday afternoon, Mrs. J. W. Wilkerson, Shreveport, La., chairman Waterways Committee G. F. W. C., was heard on Conservation of Forests and Waterways, and her hearers obtained a larger view of this subject. Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, a Musicale was given the visitors by Houston talent, in this pleasant program: Houston Quartette Society; Duett, Gypsy Dance, Mrs. Edna McDonald and Mrs. Inelle Brooks; Tenor Solo, The Love Song (Lehmann), Mr. George Doscher; Violin Solo, Mrs. H. Briscoe; Duet, Mrs. Turner Williamson and Mr. Doscher; Blue Danube Waltz, Miss Louise Daniel; Cello Solo, Mr. Paul Blitz; Baritone Solo, Mr. Hu Huffmaster; Chorus, O Gladsome Light, Woman's Choral Club and Houston Quartette Society.

Friday morning, the 24th, saw the conclusion of business, the adoption of the president's recommendations, and of resolutions and the election of officers. Amid much enthusiasm, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Hertzberg were elected as delegates-at-large to the San Francisco Biennial, by viva voce vote of the assembly, as a mark of appreciation for their service.

Some of the important resolutions passed at the Houston convention were: An endorsement of an Historic Roadway, as outlined by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and co-operation pledged; to assist the Alumni Association of the University of Texas in their plans for strengthening the citizens' interest in this great institution, and their efforts to place same upon a splendid financial basis; to provide a Music Session on future annual programs, to co-operate with the

Traveler's Aid and Protective Work of the Y. W. C. A.; to recommend to the State Fair Association at Dallas that provision be made for an Educational Building in which to exhibit the State's Educational processes; to endorse a reformation in moving picture shows; to endorse the establishment of state parks by legislative enactment; to pledge co-operation with those publishers and newspapers who will strive to obtain a "cleaner press"; to endorse study of Fire Prevention as inaugurated by the Dallas City Federation; that the Carnegie Libraries in Texas set aside the first Thursday in November as "Founder's Day," to be celebrated in a suitable manner; to lend earnest support to a compulsory education law by bringing the need of such legislation before the people; to ask for training in expression to be added to Normal courses for teachers, that they be qualified to instruct children in intelligent reading; to recommend to the Board of Regents of the Industrial Training School for Juveniles the extreme necessity for the employment of a matron. Two resolutions referred to the Social Service Committee, with request for action, had to do with investigating work conditions of women, care of the insane, matrons in the jails, and training of sub-normal children.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio, President; Mrs. Fred Fleming, Vice-president at Large; Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring, President First District; Mrs. E. L. Burton, McKinney, President Second District; Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner, Tyler, President Third District; Mrs. C. M. Hughs, Wharton, President Fourth District; Mrs. A. B. Peticolas, Victoria, President Fifth District; Mrs. J. S. Peter, San Antonio, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, Beaumont, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Homer D. Wade, Stamford, Treasurer; Mrs. Robert Browning, Terrell, Auditor; Mrs. W. W. Bains, Houston, State Secretary to General Federation.

Mrs. Wright called the newly elected officers to the stage, and presented the gavel to Mrs. Hertzberg with a

few gracious words. Mrs. Hertzberg replied in like manner, the other officers were introduced to the delegates, amid applause, the Federation song, to the melody of America was sung, and the Federation adjourned to enjoy a trip down the Ship Channel to historic San Jacinto battlefield, as the guests of the business men of Houston—a most enjoyable trip, and one long to be remembered by the women who trod the sacred soil where Texas' independence was won.

A beautiful function of the week was the elegant reception tendered the clubwomen by Mrs. W. B. Sharp at her Main Street home, with its spacious lawns and gardens, on Thursday, November 23, from 4 to 6 p. m.

Friday, at 8 p. m., the Executive Board met in the parlors of the Bristol Hotel to conclude the business of this administration. Just before adjournment, Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, as a token of the sincere love and appreciation of the Executive Board, presented Mrs. Wright with a silver loving cup. Mrs. Wright expressed her gratitude for the gift, in a few well-chosen words.

Mrs. Wright has remained in active club life. Although the precedent had been established to offer the position of State Secretary to the General Federation to each retiring State President, when her preference was sought Mrs. Wright unhesitatingly selected the chairmanship of the History Committee as her field of service. For Mrs. Wright had conceived the patriotic idea of collecting and compiling the papers relating the history of hostess towns and counties, which had been made a regular feature of Federation programs, into a permanent volume of historic value. Recognizing the bigness of the task, and Mrs. Wright's ability to accomplish it, successive administrations have pressed her to retain the History chairmanship, until her purpose was completed. The first volume of Texas: Historical Traditional, Legendary, has already been issued, and others are to follow.

CHAPTER IX.

THE EIGHTH ADMINISTRATION
1911-1913.

"Opportunity is constantly knocking at your door; listen to her call, and remember that, having accepted responsibility in the spirit of true service, you are turning the common dust of servile opportunity to gold."

—Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, in her address at San Antonio, November 29, 1910.—

"Mrs. Eli Hertzberg of San Antonio, eminently fitted to preside, being of good presence, good voice, of much firmness and good temper, and familiar with parliamentary law."

—Houston Post, December 1, 1912.—

Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, with her big, big motherly heart, had been so closely associated in the minds of club-women with the formation of Home and School clubs; with the bringing together of the parent and the teacher into that closer relationship so essential to the welfare of the child, that it seemed especially fitting she should be in a position to carry forward the work for the child, stressed in the previous administration. And this she did, most nobly. There was no slackening of efforts to establish compulsory education, to add to the efficiency of the public schools. But, those who knew Mrs. Hertzberg best, knew that, back of Mrs. Hertzberg the tender mother, Mrs. Hertzberg the trained



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musician, was Mrs. Hertzberg the business woman. And this keen, far-seeing ability, realized that the Federation had reached the stage where it must enlarge its treasury, if it was not to be hampered in carrying out its beneficent purposes. So the slogan of this administration became: An endowment fund for Texas work.

Mrs. Hertzberg appointed on her Executive Board, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin; Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Ft. Worth; Mrs. W. R. Brown, El Paso. The following standing committees were appointed: Art—Mrs. A. L. Averill, El Paso, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Herndon Gray, Tyler; Mrs. E. G. Townsend, Belton. Badge—Mrs. J. F. Burton, Houston, Chairman; Mrs. W. O. Davis, Gainesville; Mrs. J. A. Nance, Jefferson. Civics—Mrs. O. L. Clarke, Galveston, Chairman; Mrs. F. Gary, Midland; Mrs. W. S. Ownsby, Cleburne. Health Department—Miss Kitty Frazier, Morgan, Chairman; Mrs. Caroline Swan, Normanna; Mrs. J. C. Hammond, Terrell. Parks and School Grounds—Mrs. J. B. Young, Toyah, Chairman; Mrs. J. L. Dupree, Victoria; Mrs. Belle Dilgarde, San Antonio. Waterways and Forest Conservation—Mrs. Hugh Coleman, Mineral Wells, Chairman; Mrs. R. S. Fulton, Van Alstyne; Mrs. R. W. Simpson, Gilmer. Club Extension—Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Brenham, Chairman; Mrs. T. B. Kelly, Cisco; Mrs. J. Carl Tynes, Cooper. Education—Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Austin, Chairman; Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, Sherman; Mrs. R. C. Walker, Austin. Associate Members Education Committee—Mrs. R. H. Garrison, Denton; Mrs. R. F. Lindsay, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. L. T. Cunningham, Anson; Mrs. E. A. Arnim, Flatonia; Miss Marion Blimm, San Antonio. Education Extension to Form "Home and School Clubs"—Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne, Chairman; Mrs. Eli Fox, Corsicana; Mrs. S. A. Lowrie, Goldthwaite. Associate Members Education Extension—Miss Ella Cockrell, Abilene; Mrs. J. F. DeMar, Denison; Miss Ethel Crumly, Ennis; Miss McCorquodale, Beaumont; Miss Lida Daugherty, Beeville. Humane Education—Mrs. William Gearhardt, Corpus

Christi, Chairman; Mrs. C. H. Newby, Quanah; Mrs. R. B. Huston, Wharton. History—Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris, Chairman; Mrs. J. W. Parker, Pecos; Mrs. W. H. Lucas, Sherman. Associate Members History Committee—Mrs. W. R. Potter, Bowie; Mrs. J. C. Coit, Denton; Mrs. Chas. T. Broad, Paris; Miss Florina Lasker, Galveston; Mrs. W. R. Brown, El Paso. Home Economics—Mrs. S. K. Buchanan, Yoakum, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Railey, Weatherford; Miss Hattie Neathery, Farmersville. Kindergarten—Mrs. J. C. Saunders, Bonham, Chairman; Mrs. E. B. Stover, Mexia; Mrs. A. A. Brown, San Antonio. Library Extension—Mrs. S. Wiseman, McKinney, Chairman; Miss Mattie Stoud, Henderson; Mrs. J. L. Shepherd, Colorado. Literature or Bureau of Information—Mrs. Sam Crowther, San Angelo, Chairman; Mrs. Chas. T. Phelan, Dallas; Mrs. James Newcomb, Pearsall. Music—Mrs. C. W. Connerly, Fort Worth, Chairman; Mrs. J. Montgomery Brown, Fort Worth; Miss Louise Pace, Corsicana. Printing—Mrs. A. R. Thomas, San Antonio, Chairman; Mrs. Reese Wilson, San Antonio; Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham. Program—Mrs. J. C. Muse, Dallas, Chairman; Mrs. W. A. Callaway, Dallas; Mrs. James B. Cunningham, San Antonio. Pure Food—Mrs. B. Reagan, Big Spring, Chairman; Mrs. W. W. McCrory, Edna; Miss Ola Chew, Lockhart. Civil Service Reform—Mrs. J. W. Draughon, Fort Worth, Chairman; Mrs. Frank A. Tompkins, Pilot Point; Mrs. Mary L. Christensen, Wichita Falls; Finance—Mrs. R. J. Thomas, Honey Grove, Chairman; Mrs. Fred B. Robinson, Waco; Mrs. S. R. Kone, San Marcos. Fire Prevention—Mrs. P. P. Tucker, Dallas, Chairman; Mrs. S. H. Burnside, Wichita Falls; Mrs. George Willrich, La Grange. Laws Affecting Women and Children—Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas, Chairman; Mrs. Marshall Ferguson, Stephenville; Mrs. Van Sickel, Alpine. Legislative—Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, Austin, Chairman; Mrs. Edwin Moore, Sherman; Mrs. Elizabeth Reid, Port Arthur. Press—Mrs. R. R. Dancy, Houston, Chairman; Mrs. R. L. Shindler,

Dalhart; Mrs. R. P. Robbins, Cleburne; Mrs. Hal Peck, Corsicana; Mrs. R. H. Hill, Waco; Mrs. M. W. Leman, San Antonio. Revised Constitution—Mrs. Geo. H. Collins, Greenville, Chairman; Mrs. Lee Joseph, Cuero; Mrs. John Goodwin, Brownwood. Transportation—Mrs. Lelia Johnston, Coleman, Chairman; Mrs. L. A. Wells, Amarillo; Mrs. J. L. Jordan, Crockett. (Official Minutes.)

One of the early acts of Mrs. Hertzberg was to appoint a committee of prominent clubwomen to formally ask Mrs. Pennybacker to allow the Texas clubwomen to place her in nomination for president of the General Federation at the forthcoming Biennial meeting in San Francisco. This committee consisted of Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Marshall; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth; Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas; Mrs. Henry Fall, Houston; Mrs. W. A. Callaway, Dallas; Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan; Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner, Tyler; Mrs. Eli Hertzberg (by request). Upon receiving an affirmative reply, the clubwomen began to plan for capturing the presidential honors of the General Federation for Texas. Mrs. J. C. Terrell was appointed chairman, and Mrs. Bacon Saunders secretary, of a committee to further the election of Mrs. Pennybacker. It was evident from the first that Texas was not going to fail. Clubs began to apply for membership in the General Federation, that they might be eligible to send a delegate to vote for "our Mrs. Pennybacker." Space will not permit a detailed recital of this campaign, but it belongs to the history of Texas Federation successes, and the years 1912-1916 are memorable ones in Texas Federation annals.

The District meetings began with that of the Fourth, held in Waco, April 18, 19, 1912. A notable resolution at this meeting was one for employment of matrons in public schools. The Executive Board met with this district on April 20, in the rooms of the Progress Club. Mrs. Pennybacker's nomination was discussed. "The American History Club, Austin, of which Mrs. Pennybacker was an honored member, requested the privi-

lege of giving \$100 towards the expense of Texas Headquarters in San Francisco. Mrs. Saunders responded that a corner suite of the Palace Hotel had already been reserved for Texas Headquarters. Mrs. Pennybacker rose to a question of privilege and expressed her sincere appreciation of the efforts being made to secure her election and made earnest appeal that nothing undignified nor unkind in word or work enter into the contest." (Official Minutes.) President offered two recommendations: That all committees be allowed five associate members; that Finance Committee have charge of advertising in year-book. President appointed Mrs. Abade of Austin to represent T. F. W. C. in Traveler's Aid and Protective Work in conjunction with Y. W. C. A. M. Eleanor Brackenridge Club of Denton offered \$100 to the educational loan fund, if they could name school and beneficiary. Referred to a committee with power to act. Mrs. C. W. Connery, chairman Music Committee, offered recommendations, which were adopted: That all music clubs should federate and pledge one scholarship a year; that contest for original compositions in voice and piano be continued, two gold medals being offered this year, to be replaced next year by prizes of \$25.00 each. Announcement made of the Tuesday Musical Artists' Bureau, San Antonio; recommended that clubs secure their artists through this bureau. The First District proposed to donate a gold medal to the Federation, as a memorial to Nettie Everett Groom, to be worn by the successful composer of best song one year and returned at next annual convention for use of successful contestant. Mrs. E. G. Townsend, Belton, presented an art scholarship in Baylor College. Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne, chairman of Education Extension to Form Home and School Clubs, reported with recommendation to establish an endowment fund for Texas work, which was adopted. Mrs. George Collins reported revisions of Constitution and By-Laws, which would "overcome prolixity, strike out repetition and establish direction."

The Third District met in Texarkana, April 23, 24. President's Evening was held April 23, Mrs. George E. Powell, Second Vice-president, presided. Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner, President, Tyler, delivered her annual message, Mrs. Hertzberg and Mrs. Pennybacker both spoke. Greetings were received from the Arkansas Federation. An historical sketch of Texarkana was given by Mrs. J. R. Dale. April 24, business sessions were held. Some topics discussed were: Fire Prevention, Mrs. P. P. Tucker, Dallas; Schools as Social Centers, Mrs. J. M. Moore, Winnsboro; Texas Laws Regarding Women and Children, Judge Wm. Hodges of Texas.

Bonham entertained the Second District on April 25, 26, 1912. Thursday afternoon, April 25, an informal reception was held, followed by President's Evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. R. P. Robbins, Second Vice-president, presided. A chorus by the Chaminade Club was sung. Reading, Mrs. C. T. Phelan, Dallas. Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Pennybacker and Mrs. Hertzberg all delivered addresses and Mrs. E. L. Burton, McKinney, gave her president's address. Other musical numbers were: Violin, Miss Sale, Bonham; Voice, Mrs. Mamie Folsom Wynne, Dallas; Piano, Mrs. Chas. Saunders, Denton. April 26th, the business sessions brought out these topics: Woman's Duty Towards Fire Prevention, Mrs. P. P. Tucker, Dallas; Constructive Civics, Mrs. Margaret W. Edwards, Dallas; Practical Civics, discussion led by Mrs. Silas Hare, Sherman; Miss Mabel Buchanan, Whitesboro; Junior Leagues, Miss Speer, Sherman; Social Service a Practical Work for Women, Mrs. J. H. Shelby, Dallas; Married Women and Accident Insurance, Mrs. Criddle, Denton. Friday evening, a reception was held in honor of the delegates and visitors. Saturday morning, Mrs. Maggie Barry, Sherman, spoke on How to Study Poetry; Prof. Cooping, Bonham, on Experimental Farming, and Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne, on Commercial Education.

The First District met at Wichita Falls, April 30, May 1, 1912, in the M. E. Church, South, for all meet-

ings. Tuesday morning, Mrs. J. A. C. Guest, Wichita Falls, presented a gavel to the district president, Mrs. McDowell. The historical sketch of Wichita Falls, and Wichita Falls County, was given by Mrs. A. H. Corrigan, Wichita Falls. Mrs. J. W. Draughon, Fort Worth, gave a talk on The Purpose of This Convention. Fort Worth's censorship of moving pictures and the plans for building an Industrial School, won commendation. Abilene clubs reported stressing all sanitary measures. Musical numbers were given by Prof. Otto Puder on the violin, and Miss Lois Rogers, Abilene, on the piano. Topics on Tuesday afternoon were Social Service, by Mrs. Marshall Spoonts, Fort Worth; Is The Study Club Being Neglected? Mrs. J. C. Bemey, Wichita Falls.

Mrs. C. H. Newby, Vice-president, presided at President's Evening, April 30, 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Hertzberg brought greetings of the State Federation to the district convention. Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring, reviewed the district work in her annual address. Mrs. B. H. Lawrence, Fort Worth, spoke on Today. Beautiful music interspersed the addresses, rendered by local artists and those in the district. Wednesday's sessions included talks by Mrs. S. J. Wright on History, and Mrs. M. P. Bewley, Fort Worth, on the Art Future of the District. Clubs were urged to study the history of art—to form Art Leagues—to hold art exhibits—to secure art lectures. A discussion on Music was led by Mrs. C. W. Connery. Mrs. J. L. McKee and Mrs. John P. Mayfield gave musical numbers. A debate, Education Increases Happiness, was participated in by a number of the clubwomen, the negative being adjudged winner by the gentlemen judges. The convention adjourned at 5 p. m., May 1. As social features, the delegates enjoyed a banquet at Lake Wichita as guests of the city, a moonlight boat ride on the lake, a trolley ride through the city.

Gonzales entertained the Fifth District, May 2, 3. Miss Helen Hornsby, San Marcos, Vice-president, presided on President's Evening, when Mrs. A. B. Peticot-

las, Victoria, delivered her president's address. Club reports showed a wholesome activity along all lines of work undertaken by the Federation. Corpus Christi City Federation reported working for better sanitation.

A splendid delegation of clubwomen attended the Biennial held in San Francisco, June 25-July 4, 1912. Past Federation presidents, the present president, and State Federation presidents yet to be, led a body of brainy club presidents and other delegates, in that trip to the Pacific, to put Texas largely on the General Federation map. "We came, we saw—she conquered," is the way one witty clubwoman expressed it about Mrs. Pennybacker—which witticism tradition ascribes to Mrs. Cecil Smith of Sherman.

The invitation of Fort Worth was accepted for holding the Fifteenth Annual Convention in that city November 19-22, 1912.

The Executive Board met in the parlors of the Westbrook Hotel, on Monday night at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair. Mrs. Hertzberg presented these recommendations: That all clubs set apart one day in the year as Federation Day, in which to study State and General Federation work; that the subject of Peace be given a place in a sub-committee under Education; that, for the sake of dignity of our organization, and to be more business-like, a state Endowment Fund be created; that each club endeavor to secure space in its local paper for dissemination of club news.

After an invocation, the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner by the audience was led by Mrs. Dan Brown, Fort Worth. Cordial greetings from the city, the Chamber of Commerce, and the clubwomen were given, responded to in a fitting manner by Miss Jennie Knox Walker, Gonzales. Mrs. M. A. McDugal, President of the Oklahoma Federation, was introduced to the body, and presented greetings from her state. The following clubs, having been properly recommended, were unanimously elected: First District—Aloha Club, Abilene; Wednesday Book Club, Albany; Phoenix Club, Asper-

mont; Federation of Women's Clubs, Brownwood; Adelphian Club, Crowell; The Taylor Juvenile Euterpian Club, Fort Worth; Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle; Graham; Woman's Monday Club, Hereford; Mothers' and Daughters' Club, Lubbock; Mystic Club, Plainview; Thursday Club, Roscoe; Literary and Civic Club, Wellington. Second District—Bailey English Mothers' Club, Bonham; Civic Association, Bonham; Mutual Improvement Club, Blum; Etude Club, Denton; Chaparral Literary Club, C. I. A., Denton; Culture Club, Farmersville; Bay View Club, Waxahachie. Third District—Columbine Club, Grand Saline; Civic League, Pittsburg; Pioneer Club, Pittsburg; Waverly Club, Sulphur Springs; City Federation of Clubs, Winnsboro; Thimble Club, Winnsboro. Fourth District—Study Club, Angleton; Mutual Improvement Club, Bay City; Civic League and Cemetery Association, Calvert; Civic Improvement League, Cameron; Woman's Club, Collegeport; Civic Club, Edna; Shakespeare Study Club, Edna; Woman's Club, El Campo; Euterpian Club, Elgin; Shakespeare Club, Hearne; Woman's Protective Association, Houston; Civic Club, Navasota; Woman's Reading Club, Navasota. Fifth District—Study Club, Comanche; The Spoon Club, Corpus Christi; Woman's Club, Donna; Women's Club, Jourdanton; El Progreso Musical Club, Karnes City; Laredo Chapter of the American Women's League, Laredo; Girls' Music Club, San Antonio; Kindergarten Training School, San Antonio; Woman's Club, San Juan; Wimodaughsis Club, Sterling City. (Official Minutes.)

Reports showing much progress were received from the City Federation of Abilene, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Marshall, Brownwood and Houston. Tuesday afternoon the order of business was suspended, to give the privilege of the floor to Hon. Cato Sells. He told of the effort of the Jefferson Monticello Memorial Association to secure an appropriation from Congress for the purchase and maintenance of this historic spot.

The Federation unanimously adopted resolutions, petitioning Congress to rescue the home and tomb of the author of the Declaration of Independence, from desecration and devastation.

The president's recommendations were then presented and adopted. She announced that the endowment fund for the state had been fixed at \$10,000. At this point, Mrs. Pennybacker, President of the General Federation, was escorted to the platform amid an enthusiastic demonstration. The assembly indorsed the resolutions from the Fourth District in regard to having trained matrons in the public schools.

The feature of Wednesday morning's session was the address of Dr. Mary Burnham on Social Ethics. In the discussion, following the report of the Conservation Committee, support was asked for the movement to have Palo Duro Canyon in the Panhandle, made into a National Park. W. C. Stripling, Fort Worth, had given 10,000 trees free for civic improvement, and Titcher-Goetinger, Dallas, had given the children 10,000 trees free. The report of Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston, on Social Service, cited factory inspection, compulsory education, Juvenile Court, and moving picture censorship as most important measures for child welfare. Judge Ocie Speer of Fort Worth gave a most lucid exposition of the laws affecting factory women and children. Mr. Wm. Hard of New York, who is doing such valiant work along these lines, addressed the assembly, giving a clear insight into what is needed in laws affecting the property rights of married women. Dr. Caswell Ellis, Texas University, brought greetings from President Mezes and the faculty, congratulating the Federation upon its achievements.

Thursday morning, Dr. F. W. Bizzell, President of the College of Industrial Arts, made a brief address on the progress of this institution. An interesting incident of this session came in the nature of a surprise for Mrs. Pennybacker. Mrs. C. W. Connery, in the name of the Fort Worth City Federation, speaking their love

and loyalty, presented Mrs. Pennybacker with a handsome gold Texas Star pin. Mrs. Pennybacker could not easily overcome her emotion, as she sought, with fitting words, to express her appreciation of the beautiful tribute. Mrs. Chas. F. Acree, Hillsboro, was awarded the Hertzberg medal in the Literary Contest. Mrs. William Ransome, Corsicana, was winner of the Hertzberg medal for piano composition. The Connery medal for best song was awarded to Miss Louise Norvell of Dallas. Mrs. Watson, of the U. D. C., presented a copy of her compilation, the Book of Old Songs, to the Federation. Music Committee, Mrs. Wm. R. Brown of El Paso, presented a music scholarship in the name of her brother, Francis Lee Moore. In the afternoon session, Mr. Hard stated the pamphlets he had distributed contained a summary of the laws of Texas concerning married women, written by Mrs. Hortense Ward, the first woman in Texas to pass examination of the Texas Bar Association. The address of Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett, of Rice Institute, Houston, on Vocational Training aroused much interest. Mrs. Maggie Barry gave some most convincing statistics on the need for compulsory education, and Dr. Ellis requested that each club set aside one day for the advancement of the cause of Education. Amid strict attention, Mrs. J. A. Rice of Fort Worth demonstrated the Montessori System of Child Education.

Friday morning introduced to the delegates, Dr. W. A. Jarrell of the World's Purity Association; in a brief address he explained the aim of this organization is the purification of social conditions. Simmons' Round Table was admitted to membership, this club's application having been delayed. Upon motion unanimously carried, Mrs. J. C. Terrell was appointed manager of the State Endowment Fund, to appoint her own assistants. The resolutions adopted at this convention, in general, reaffirmed in stronger tones, what the clubwomen had already advocated. New resolutions adopted were: that county sanatoria be established for use of

tuberculosis patients; to endorse peace and international arbitration movements; that buildings for educational exhibits be erected at State Fair and Cotton Palace; to refer to the State Library Commission the establishment of state traveling libraries; to endorse the Smith-Lever bill appropriating an equal amount with the state for extension of agriculture and scientific farming; endorsing early Christmas shopping; school matrons; making wife desertion a felony; tree-planting on highways; endorsing the work of the Social Hygiene Society and the Public Health Education Committee of the American Medical Association; accepting the generous offer from Robert Lee Costan, Fort Worth, of a trophy to be awarded each year for the best kept fire station, hall and grounds; that the request of the Texas D. A. R. for co-operation of the Federation in obtaining an appropriation to mark the King's Highway across Texas be granted. Adjournment sine die occurred, after the presentation of a volume of Texas composers to Mrs. Hertzberg, and the singing of Blest Be the Tie That Binds, by the audience. Fine Arts Evening was held Friday evening, but research has not brought to light a program of the event. Press reports state that delegates had a drive to Riverside Country Club, where informal tea was served by the members' wives. Many visited the Armour Co. packing plant and had a lunch of Armour products.

The Executive Board held its semi-annual meeting in Sherman, April 2, 1913, the Second District holding its meeting on April 3, 4. The Executive Board met in the parlors of Kidd-Key College at 10 a. m. Mrs. Hertzberg was unable to be present, due to the recent passing on of her mother and her aged father's serious illness. Mrs. Fred Fleming, Vice-president-at-Large, presided. A message of tender sympathy was sent their beloved president. Mrs. R. H. Garrison of Denton, state chairman of the new committee on Political Science, was present. Corpus Christi was decided upon for state convention. Resolution asking Governor Colquitt to set

aside May 18 as Peace Day, adopted at Houston, was handed to him by Mrs. Mary Christensen, chairman of Peace Committee, in person, and he had complied with the request. A report was heard on the State Endowment Fund. Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth, brought up the subject of resolutions as presented at the annual conventions. She felt that they were considered at the closing hours, when a hurried sense was present, and that there should be some better method devised to give the necessary dignity and weight to endorsements given by the Texas Federation. A special committee was appointed composed of Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. J. C. Muse, Mrs. E. P. Turner, Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner and they were requested to report at the afternoon session. After considering applications of new clubs, the Board adjourned for lunch with Mrs. L. A. Key of Sherman. At 2:30 p. m., the Board re-convened. Mrs. Wright read the report of Mrs. William Christian, Houston, editor of the History of the Texas Federation, which was an outline form of the book. On motion of Mrs. Bonner, it was decided to publish portraits of all presidents of the Texas Federation, and the recording secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Christian of this action. The special committee reported: "Realizing that the number of resolutions submitted at the annual convention increases each year, this committee begs to report: (1) that resolutions bearing upon the work of the standing committees should be presented to these committees not later than one week prior to the convention; (2) all standing committees shall meet in conference at annual convention to consider any resolution * * * before final report is made, when resolutions pertaining to any committee's work shall be presented to the body for action." Mrs. S. J. Wright's recommendation to amend Art. VII, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws was adopted. This substituted "five members, one for each district," in all standing committees, and had been advocated for some time as a measure for increased efficiency in Federation work. The Literature Committee

announced a new ruling "the two prize essays in the state literary contest will be incorporated in the program of Fine Arts Evening, at discretion of the committee." After concluding its deliberations, the Executive Board remained over for the District Convention.

President's Evening was held on April 2, at 8:30 p. m., Mrs. H. H. Peters, District Vice-president, presiding. It was a veritable "president's evening"—District Presidents, Mrs. Chas. Bonner, Tyler; Mrs. C. M. Hughs, Wharton; Mrs. E. L. Burton, McKinney—State Presidents, Mrs. Myrtle McDugall of Oklahoma Federation, Mrs. Fred Fleming representing Mrs. Eli Hertzberg of Texas—General Federation President, Mrs. Pennybacker, all were present with greetings and messages. The program included readings by Mrs. Chas. T. Phelan and Mrs. Harry Obenchain, Dallas. For the first time, the prize poem was on the program, and Possession was read by its author, Mrs. Chas. F. Achree, Whitesboro. The faculty and students of Kidd-Key College gave beautiful musical numbers. April 3 witnessed a fine program of Federation work. Meeting opened at 9 a. m. After the invocation, Austin College Glee Club sang patriotic songs. Historical sketch of Sherman was given by Miss M. Pullen. The delegates were guests of the Chamber of Commerce at luncheon. After lunch, club reports were resumed. Denton and McKinney installed Domestic Science in their schools. Farmersville had Home Economics speaker from Texas University. Sherman Civic League obtained passage of chicken ordinance, also put playground apparatus in school grounds, and formed a colored woman's organization, which improved grounds around their churches. Free kindergartens were reported in Bonham, Denton and Gainesville, seven private ones and three public, in Dallas. Clubs were urged to stimulate their writers to try for the prize offered for a Federation song to be sung to the tune of The Star-Spangled Banner. Mrs. Melrose Scales of Dallas won first prize for best musical composition, Mrs. Rosser Thomas, Bonham, the second

prize, in this district contest. Friday morning, the delegates listened with interest to an address on Married Women's Property Rights by Hon. Andrew Randell, and the Farm Life Commission by Judge S. D. Steedman. The Commercial Club gave a musicale in their rooms at 4:30 p. m., April 3, and the Elks entertained with a reception at 8:30 p. m.

The Third District met in Winnsboro, April 8, 9, 1913. A reception was held by the City Federation at the home of Mrs. R. E. Skeen on Monday. The same date, President's Evening was observed at the Baptist Church, Mrs. J. E. Butler, First Vice-president, presiding. Mrs. Eli Hertzberg's topic was The Influence of Music. Greetings were given from District President, Mrs. E. L. Burton, McKinney, and annual address of Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner. Talk, Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot? by Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas. Mrs. S. J. Wright's topic was Saul, the Tragedy of a Ten Talent Man. Historical sketch of hostess town was read by Mrs. Jim Moore, Winnsboro. Tuesday, April 9, at the Methodist Church, business sessions were held. Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth, took pledges to the State Endowment Fund. An interesting address was that of Miss Mamie Gearing of T. U., on Relation of Women's Clubs to Home Economics.

Stephenville entertained the First District on April 10, 11, the convention opening at 9 a. m. After the giving of cordial welcomes, the Stephenville Choral Club sang. The historical sketch of Stephenville and Erath County was delivered by Mrs. Fred Church. Political Science was presented by Mrs. H. G. Toole, Snyder; Literary Organization and Maintenance by Mrs. W. E. Coffey, Quanah; Bills Before the Last Legislature Concerning Women and Children and What Became of Them by Mrs. Stanley Boykin of Fort Worth. President's Evening was held Thursday, April 10, at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. C. H. Newby, Quanah, First Vice-president, presided. Music was rendered by the Stephenville Choral Club, Miss Anita Lameri, and Mrs. Lola M. Sut-

ton, Fort Worth. Mrs. Hertzberg delivered an address. Mrs. J. I. McDowell gave her annual message, in which she mentioned organizing the Armstrong County Federation, the first county organized. The Hon. Sam Webb delivered an inspiring talk, Thoughts on Women. Friday morning, April 11, brought out such topics as Unrest of Women and to What Leading, Mrs. Oscar Barthold, Weatherford; Housekeeping Today and Yesterday, Home Science Club of Vernon; the Cleanest Town in Texas, and How We Won the Prize, Mrs. F. W. Abney and Mrs. Sarah Smith, Brownwood. Miss Lucile Bryan of the Galveston-Dallas News told how she organized rural clubs.

Taylor was ready for the meeting of the Fifth District on April 15, 16, 1913. Tuesday, April 15, at 8:30 p. m., President's Evening was held in First Presbyterian Church. Miss Helen Hornsby, District Vice-president, presided. Mrs. Hertzberg was present, as she had been at the other district conventions, and gave her fine message to the district, as did the District President, Mrs. A. B. Peticolos. The musical numbers were: Voice Trio, Mrs. Briggs and Misses Struve; Piano, Miss Garver; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Briggs; Paper, American Grand Opera, by Miss Marion Bliem of San Antonio. An informal reception followed the program. April 16, convention opened at 9 a. m. Federation work was discussed, and Laws Affecting Women and Children was ably handled by Mrs. A. B. Storey, Lockhart, Mrs. L. B. Matthews, San Marcos; Miss Lula Lipscomb, Lockhart. At 12:30 p. m., luncheon was served by the King's Daughters. Re-assembling at 1:30 p. m., the convention heard club reports. A notable paper was Realistic and Impressionistic Painting of Today by Mrs. George Powell, San Antonio. At 5 p. m., an auto drive was enjoyed. At 8:30 p. m., a reception at the home of Mrs. S. G. Young marked the close of the convention.

Edna was to have its first district meeting, when the Fourth District convened there on April 16-18, 1913.

A much appreciated hospitality was the lunch served to the delegates by the New Century Club of Wharton, as their delegates and visiting clubwomen boarded the train at 12:30 p. m., April 16. Edna was reached at 2 p. m. and the district Executive Board went into session at 2:30 p. m. President's Evening was held in the Methodist Church at 8:30 p. m., the same date. Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, Port Arthur, Vice-president, presided. History of Jackson County was given by Miss Bell Faires, Edna. Mrs. Fred Fleming, Vice-president-at-Large, brought greetings for the State President. Mrs. C. M. Hughs delivered her annual address. Mrs. H. B. Fall, Houston, talked on Our Progress. Other speakers of the evening were Hon. Guy Mitchell, Miss Katie Daffan, Mrs. A. B. Peticolas, Miss Brackenridge. Music interspersed was: Chorus by Harmony Club, Edna; Piano, Miss Gladys Davidson, Wharton; Voice, Miss Ora Corley, Beaumont; Voice, Mrs. O. H. Radtke, Edna; Vocal duet, Dr. Park and Miss Graham. The call to duty was an early one on April 17. At 8:15 a. m., the Credential Committee met the delegates. From the program one learns that these topics were considered: Need of Parliamentary Drills in Clubs, Mrs. Elizabeth Strong Tracy, Houston; Spirit of Co-operation, Mrs. Grace Zimmer, Houston; Home-Making, the Upbuilding of the Nation; Clean-Up Days; Moral Influence of Play. New Legislation was handled by Mrs. H. B. Fall, Houston. Dr. J. S. Abbott was heard on Pure Food. All the clubs reported on What has your club done to agitate employment of trained matrons in public schools? The Press As a Factor in Club Work was the theme of Mrs. R. R. Dancy, Houston. At 9:30 p. m., a reception to all the visitors was held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Westhoff, Mrs. W. W. McCrory and Mrs. A. C. Egg and Mrs. Westhoff, hostesses. Club reports showed that Collegeport inaugurated the "better baby" show; Angleton won first prize for best year-book; Houston installed a trained matron at the High School; Beaumont erected a club house at a cost of \$8500, mak-

ing it a civic center; Mothers' Club of Center installed sanitary drinking fountains in the public schools; Columbus worked to preserve her fine old oaks; Shakespeare Club, Edna, initiated the reform of picture shows; Civic Club, Edna, worked on school grounds; Ladies' Reading Club, Houston, XXVI Club, Houston, Beeville and Crockett were doing library work; the clubs at Waco did fine work for the Settlement Association and for the newsboys. Many clubs have contributed to the General and State Federation Endowment Funds.

The General Federation Council meeting in Washington in June was well attended by Texas clubwomen, who came back full of enthusiasm for Federation ideals, and of patriotic pride in the executive ability of Mrs. Pennybacker, as she presided over her first national convention.

The Executive Board of the Federation met in the parlor of the Nueces Hotel, Corpus Christi, November 10, 1913, at 4 p. m. The President gave her annual report, embodying these recommendations: 1. That a paid stenographer should be employed to lighten the labors of the president and corresponding secretary. 2. That a part of the money paid into the General Federation Endowment Fund be used to honor Mrs. Pennybacker "in making her a founder of the Endowment Fund. 3. That our standing committees be henceforth known as Departments of Work, and that the Fire Prevention, the Kindergarten and Laws Affecting Women and Children committees, be embodied in the Social Service Committee; that the Literature and Library Extension Committees be combined, and that the Bureau of Information be a department by itself. Treasurer recommended "that the 55 clubs, delinquent and disbanded, be dropped."

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Texas Federation met in the First Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, on Tuesday, November 11, 1913, at 10 a. m., with Mrs. Eli Hertzberg in the chair. Mrs. Phillip N.

Moore, St. Louis, Past President of the General Federation, was an honored guest. The following clubs recommended by the Executive Board were unanimously elected to membership: First District—The 1913 Club, Anson; The Armstrong County Federation, Claude; Woman's Thursday Club, Floydada; Thursday Afternoon Club, Fort Worth; Mothers' Club, Hale Center; The 1913 Study Club, Memphis; Current Events Club, Mineral Wells; Travel Study Club, Plainview; New Era Club, Wichita Falls. Second District—Shakespeare Club, Arlington; Bay View Century Club, Dallas; Stratford Club, Dallas; City Federation, Denton; City Federation, McKinney; Culture Club, Richardson; College Hill Literary Club, Sherman. Third District—Civic Improvement Club, Frost; Rose Hill Mothers' Club, Jacksonville; El Progreso Club, Kemp; Music Club, Marshall; Harmony Club, Mt. Pleasant; Culture Club, Winnsboro. Fourth District—Self Culture Club, Caldwell; XXth Century Club, Conroe; Francitas Library Club, Francitas; United Mothers' Club, Houston; Mothers' Literary Club, Valley Mills; City Federation, Waco. Fifth District—Woman's History Club, Bishop; Mothers' Home and School Club, Kennedy; Woman's Civic Club, McAllen; Junior Tuesday Club, Mission; Women's Club, Sabinal; Government Hill Library Club, San Antonio; Browning Club, Taylor; Wednesday Music Club, Taylor.

The President's recommendations were then adopted. The names of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg and Miss Eleanor Brackenridge were voted upon the Founders' Roll of the G. F. W. C. Endowment Fund. Mrs. J. C. Terrell was voted a perpetual ex-officio member of the Executive Board of the Texas Federation. These honors were bestowed upon these ladies by their fellow club-women, as a just recognition of their devoted service. Upon motion of Mrs. Fall, a greeting was sent Mrs. Pennybacker who was attending the New York State Federation Convention.

President's Evening was held November 11, at 8 p. m. Mrs. Fred Fleming, Vice-president-at-Large, presided. The following program was presented: Violin, Miss Mattie Caldwell, Corpus Christi; Address, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio; Greetings from the Past President of General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, St. Louis; Voice, (a) O, del Mio Dolce Ardor (Gluck); (b) Oh, Si les Fleurs (Massanet); (c) Neige (Bemberg); (d) The Land of the Sky-Blue Water (Cadman); (e) Nina, Venetian dialect song (Sanara), Miss Augusta Leeper, Honey Grove; Address, Senator Morrow, Hillsboro; The Washington Council Meeting, Mrs. Maggie W. Barry of Sherman; Mrs. C. M. Hughs, of Wharton. Mrs. Hertzberg was presented with a beautiful loving cup, the presentation being made on behalf of the officers and executive board who have served the two years with the president.

At the session of Wednesday morning, November 12, reports from City Federations were presented. Since their admission to membership, these City Federations have become an important factor, as they accomplish the big things for communities, which only united effort can obtain. Thus in Dallas, a Baby Camp was established; in Fort Worth, \$3500 was contributed to a Children's Ward in the city and county hospital, pure food lecturers were brought to the city, and a thorough inspection of all food supplies was organized. Denton and Brownwood worked for a clean city. Houston worked for a State Endowment Fund. Marshall maintained a rest room, as an annex to the library. McKinney made Sunday observance possible for the delivery men. Corpus Christi was concerned with the delinquent children. San Antonio raised \$3000 to purchase such school supplies as were not furnished by the Board. Mrs. R. H. Garrison spoke on Political Science, and urged preparedness for the ballot which must soon come to the women. Telegrams protesting against the passage of the Hetch Hetchy bill were ordered sent to Con-

gressmen. This bill was opposed by the Conservation Committee of the G. F. W. C., as it meant destruction of forests and scenery in California. Mrs. J. L. Lovejoy, McKinney, elicited much applause for her address on Better Babies Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Chas. B. Austin of Texas University, spoke on Social and Economic Organization in Rural Life. Mrs. W. A. Warner of Claude, who sprang into fame at that moment, brought a wonderful message from the rural districts, that aroused such enthusiasm and interest as has resulted in advancing the day of loving "thy neighbor as thyself." The action of the moment, however, was to give Dr. Austin and Mrs. Warner a rising vote of thanks, and to pass a motion to publish Mrs. Warner's address in full. Mrs. W. B. Sharp recommended, at completion of her report as chairman of Social Service, that "this committee enter upon a campaign to educate the good people of our state upon the possibilities of social improvement."

Thursday morning's session brought the subjects of education, libraries and art to the front, ably reported by their chairmen. Mrs. Barry advocated divorcing the schools from politics. Mrs. Wiseman for Library Extension secured adoption of recommendation "that each district chairman be instructed by the President to send their reports made at district meetings, to the State Chairman." Miss Gearing made an appeal for a better representation of the women during Domestic Science Week at the University. Mrs. Connery, Music Chairman, announced awards: Violin scholarship from Kidd-Key College—Emi Waltermire of Honey Grove; Piano scholarship by Mr. Guy R. Pittner of Fort Worth—Marie Keith, Stephenville. The Hertzberg prize of \$25.00 for best piano composition was won by Miss Patty Randall, Dallas. The Connery prize of \$25.00 for the best song composition resulted in a tie between Mrs. H. A. Cunningham and Mrs. Belle Biard Gober, both of Bonham, so the judges decided by mutual consent of parties to divide the award. Music Committee recom-

mended continuance of contests, with three prizes of \$10.00 each, including violin composition as the third. The Committee on Selection of State Motto, Mrs. J. T. Smith, San Antonio; Mrs. H. A. Cline, Wharton; Miss Genevieve Power, Victoria, announced the winner to be Mrs. C. K. Smith of Aransas Pass, and the motto selected was: "In Small Things Liberty, in Large Things Unity, in All Things Charity." The motto was unanimously adopted. Under suspension of the rules, the History Club, Dallas, and Library Club, Carthage, were admitted to membership. When announcing the literary awards, the Literature Committee recommended that "a committee be selected from a university faculty to pass final judgment on the compositions" and this was adopted. First prize went to Mrs. H. M. Rishel, Robstown, member of Harmony Club, Corpus Christi, Music and Poetry, the Sister Arts. Second, Kathleen L. Worrell, Austin, The Blue Lot, a story. Third, Nancy Red Montgomery, Abilene, Texas, a poem. The following year-books were selected as being the best: The Bronte Club, Victoria; I. X. L. Club, Gainesville; The Pierian Club, Amarillo; The Trivium Club, Liberty; The Wednesday Club, Albany. Mrs. J. B. Dibrell reported the successful passage of the Married Woman's Property Rights bill, which was not entirely satisfactory, but was a long step towards justice for women.

Fine Arts Evening was held on Thursday, at 8 p. m., Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth, presiding. The following program was given: Chorus, Carmana Waltz (H. Lane Wilson), Harmony Club, Corpus Christi; Voice, Romanza, Come Bello (Donizetti), Mrs. E. H. Schumuck, Karnes City; Violin, Fleur de Lis (Carl Venth), Miss Mattie Caldwell, Corpus Christi; Voice, The Last Dance (Harriet Ware), Mrs. Willis Higgenbotham, Stephenville; Double Quartette, Lucia de Lammermoor (Donizetti), Harmony Club, Corpus Christi; Piano, The Revolutionary Etude, Miss Lillian Kline, San Antonio; Voice, Oh, My Heart Is Weary (Goring Thomas), Mrs. Walter Newman, Corpus Christi; Piano,

(Selected), Miss Marian Douglas, Fort Worth; Vocal (a) Butterfly (Puccini), (b) La Boheme (Puccini), Miss Augusta Leeper, Honey Grove; Voice (a) Romanza from Rosamonde (Schubert), (b) Aria from Don Sabasiono (Donizetti), Mme. V. Columbat D'Acugna, San Antonio; Prize Piano Compositions, Phyllis Brown, Cornelia Cunningham, Bonham; Cradle Song, Belle Biard Gober, Bonham; Presentation of Checks, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg. Federation Accompanist, Mrs. Herbert M. Rishel, Corpus Christi.

Friday morning, Prof. E. D. Shurter, Texas University, asked the co-operation of the clubwomen in behalf of the Inter-Scholastic Association, the object of which is to have debates and declamations on the topic Peace. Clubwomen were asked to arrange for county and district prizes of \$25.00 for the debates of the current year, and for declamation contests of 1915-1916. This request, covered by resolution, was adopted. Mrs. R. E. Buchanan announced \$3000 raised for the State Endowment Fund. Mrs. C. W. Connery presented the Federation a perpetual memorial medal from the First District, as a prize to be offered for the second best in song composition. Mrs. R. W. Simpson, Gilmer, chairman of Conservation Committee, requested the Federation to adopt the pecan as their Federation tree, and to plant one each year in the hostess town. Adopted. The first tree was planted in South Bluff Park after final adjournment on Friday afternoon, November 14, 1913. Some important resolutions adopted were: To petition the Executive Board of the Federation to consider placing the music session on the main floor of the convention; to create a Rural Committee to investigate rural educational and social problems; to aid the Inter-Scholastic League in securing prizes for debates on Peace. A motion to ratify the election of District Presidents was carried. As usual, these officials had been elected at the Spring district meetings, thus becoming automatically state vice-presidents.

The election resulted as follows: Mrs. Henry B. Fall,

Houston, President; Mrs. Maggie Barry, Sherman, Vice-president-at-Large; Mrs. W. C. Corbett, Houston, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. P. Robbins, Cleburne, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall, Treasurer; Mrs. H. P. Drought, San Antonio, Auditor; Mrs. S. H. Burnside, Wichita Falls, President First District; Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham, President Second District; Mrs. W. T. Spencer, Marshall, President Third District; Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, Beaumont, President Fourth District; Mrs. H. D. Brown, San Antonio, President Fifth District; Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio, State Secretary to General Federation.

A message from California, asking co-operation in the erection of a Texas Building at the San Francisco Exposition, was read by the Corresponding Secretary. A motion to give favorable response at once was amended by adding that a committee of women be appointed to confer with the Governor of Texas as to ways and means. Motion, as amended, was carried.

Mrs. Hertzberg requested the newly elected officers to come to the platform. Mrs. Moore, representing the General Federation, extended the right hand of fellowship to Mrs. Henry Fall. With the singing of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, adopted upon motion of Mrs. Dibrell the year before in memory of Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, the Federation adjourned.

Courtesies were shown all the time. Automobiles were at the command of the ladies from the time they arrived at the train until they left. Luncheon was served at noon each day at the Nueces Hotel. A reception at the Country Club followed the first day's session; a sail the second day's session, and on Thursday an oyster roast was much enjoyed. All three were managed to the thorough enjoyment and complete admiration of the guests. The evening entertainment was a reception at the Nueces Hotel Thursday night.

Though the crowning feature of Mrs. Hertzberg's administration was the plan and inception of the En-

dowment Fund, yet she inaugurated one other activity which has been of incalculable benefit. Securing the co-operation of the press, she established the custom of sending out weekly letters to the clubwomen through the columns of the leading papers, thus keeping the club movement continually before the public. Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, like Mrs. E. P. Turner of Dallas, while never faltering in loyalty to the Federation, or failing to respond to a call for service, has most closely associated herself with the growth of her home city. Mrs. Hertzberg has been identified with all that makes for better living and better citizenship in San Antonio. She holds official position in clubs, philanthropic organizations and art and musical societies. She served from 1913-1915 as State Secretary to the General Federation, and was made chairman of the trustees created in 1915 to take charge of the Texas Federation Endowment Fund. The love of her fellow-clubwomen has placed her name on the Perpetual Honor Roll of this fund.





MRS. HENRY B. FALL
Houston

CHAPTER X

THE NINTH ADMINISTRATION
1913—1915.

"Let us grow in knowledge and understanding as we grow in federation spirit, and learn to strike out the non-essentials. * * * Let us begin to embroider into our lives patterns that make for joy, content, high ideals, lofty sentiments."

—Mrs. Henry B. Fall in a club letter in Houston Post, October 31, 1914.—

"Her natural endowment of a bright mind and loving heart have been enhanced by the culture of deep study and extensive travel."

—Waco Times-Herald, October 13, 1913.—

Mrs. Henry B. Fall, or, as she is most lovingly thought of by thousands in Texas and elsewhere who have come under the influence of her pleasant smile, "Florence Fall," had served her apprenticeship in various lines of philanthropic endeavor and club relationships, ere becoming the unanimous choice of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, as its ninth president. A charter member of the Texas Woman's Press Association, she wielded a facile pen, and editors had been glad to publish her familiar, chatty comments on things European, when she took her turn at foreign travel. For then—as now—what Mrs. Fall undertook to do, she accomplished, if faithfulness and steady perseverance could accomplish it—and it generally did. Mrs.

Fall and her co-adjutors inherited some big problems from the preceding administration, but, with that "unity" in "great things," of which the newly adopted Federation motto spoke, they went bravely to work to finish these up, and start other big movements for their beloved Federation to accomplish. No longer was the taunt true that women were cruel in their dealings with women. The conscious effort to do something good for the community and state, had awakened woman's conscience to consider the individual, and to determine that every woman and every girl should have her chance. Thus naturally, Service for Texas Girls became the slogan for this administration.

Appointed members of the Executive Board were Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Olga Kohlberg, El Paso. The following were appointed on the departments of work: Art—Mrs. M. P. Bewley, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. J. H. Randell, Denison; Mrs. Joe Perkins, Greenville; Mrs. J. W. Downs, Waco; Mrs. W. K. Clements, Georgetown. Civics—Mrs. O. E. Roberts, Taylor, State Chairman; Mrs. F. W. Abney, Brownwood; Mrs. Florence C. Floore, Cleburne; Mrs. E. R. Beck, Frost; Mrs. F. Watts Brown, Navasota. Parks and Schools—Mrs. E. E. Ritchey, Mineral Wells, State Chairman; Mrs. B. A. Turk, Hillsboro; Mrs. B. Ellington, Mexia; Mrs. James L. Neal, Wharton; Mrs. Thomas Doughty, Mission. Fire Prevention—Mrs. James N. Shepard, Brownwood, State Chairman; Mrs. C. L. King, Whitesboro; Mrs. G. W. Hanon, Kemp; Mrs. A. H. Neas, Smithville; Mrs. Edwin G. Crabbe, Corpus Christi. Civil Service Reform—Mrs. A. P. Averill, El Paso, State Chairman; Mrs. Joe M. Carter, Aspermont; Mrs. Viola M. DeMar, Denison; Mrs. O. McFarland, Tyler; Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, Belton. Conservation—Mrs. Bruce Reid, Port Arthur, State Chairman; Mrs. J. L. Doss, Colorado; Mrs. F. W. Hayden, Pilot Point; Mrs. Marion Glass, Jefferson; Mrs. I. N. Keller, Georgetown. Waterways and Forestry—Mrs. J. E. Goodwin, Austin,

State Chairman; Mrs. F. R. Boget, Wichita Falls; Mrs. James R. Borrow, Sherman; Mrs. N. P. Jackson, Paris; Mrs. W. H. Aldridge, Aldridge. Club Extension—Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Center, State Chairman; Mrs. C. L. Ezell, Snyder; Mrs. Rosser Thomas, Bonham; Mrs. W. C. Anderson, Winnsboro; Mrs. W. F. Mace, Lampasas. Education—Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas, State Chairman; Mrs. J. D. Sandifer, Abilene; Miss F. Blocker, Marshall; Mrs. Burton Hurd, Collegeport; Mrs. Henry Redmond, Corpus Christi. Kindergarten—Mrs. A. B. Griffith, Terrell, State Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Walker, Wichita Falls; Mrs. E. H. Huvelle, Dallas; Mrs. A. P. Downey, Port Arthur; Mrs. Sol Yakey, Taylor. Humane—Mrs. Wilbur L. Freeman, San Benito, State Chairman; Mrs. W. B. Chapman, Anson; Miss Kitty Frazier, Morgan; Mrs. C. B. Smith, Mexia; Miss B. Partlow, Liberty. Peace—Mrs. Charles F. Bonner, Tyler, State Chairman; Mrs. F. F. Brazil, Quanah; Mrs. E. W. Morten, Dallas; Mrs. E. M. Perry, Navasota; Mrs. L. E. Kreistle, Victoria. Political Science—Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Brenham, State Chairman; Mrs. Harris Masterson, Houston; Mrs. C. H. Newby, Quanah; Miss Hattie Neathery, Farmersville; Mrs. E. L. Stivers, Greenville; Mrs. Caroline Swann, Normanna. Home Economics—Mrs. E. C. Brown, Dallas, State Chairman; Mrs. D. B. Whitney, Wichita Falls; Mrs. George Miller, Corsicana; Mrs. C. A. Richardson, Beaumont; Mrs. E. G. Magruder, San Angelo. Health—Mrs. J. H. Ewell, Goliad, State Chairman; Mrs. Lee Young, Stephenville; Mrs. A. G. Owsley, Denton; Mrs. N. P. Sander-son, Texarkana; Mrs. Will Horlock, Hearne. Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth, Texas Member to General Federation. Pure Food—Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. E. L. Darwin, Gainesville; Miss Annie Young, Marshall; Miss Essie Alexander, La Grange; Mrs. Hal H. Branham, San Antonio. History—Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris, State Chairman; Mrs. J. W. Draughon, Fort Worth; Mrs. George C. Groce, Waxahachie; Mrs. R. A. Armstrong, Wharton;

Mrs. Jos. B. Ammerman, San Benito. Literature—Mrs. C. M. Hughs, Wharton, State Chairman; Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring; Mrs. E. L. Burton, McKinney; Mrs. Hal Peck, Corsicana; Mrs. J. K. Kirkpatrick, San Antonio. Library Extension—Mrs. W. B. Wynne, Wills Point, State Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Collins, Vernon; Mrs. Charles Simpson, Waxahachie; Mrs. S. K. Seymour, Columbus; Mrs. D. D. Fairchild, Taylor. Legislative—Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Seguin, State Chairman; Mrs. Marshall Spoons, Fort Worth; Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne; Mrs. H. M. Munger, Mexia; Mrs. W. E. Spell, Waco. Music—Miss Louise Pace, Corsicana, State Chairman; Mrs. Willis Higginbotham, Stephenville; Mrs. Charles Saunders, Denton; Mrs. R. L. Cox, Houston; Mrs. Bertha C. Stough, El Paso. Press—Miss Decca Lamar West, Waco, State Chairman; Mrs. W. R. Potter, Bowie; Mrs. W. H. Lankford, Sherman; Mrs. James Moore, Winnsboro; Mrs. Gussie Scott Chaney, San Antonio. Social Service—Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston, State Chairman; Mrs. John Strayer, Fort Worth; Mrs. E. C. Hunter, Sherman; Mrs. C. A. Atkins, Marshall; Mrs. H. P. Drought, San Antonio.

The standing committees were: Badge—Mrs. E. E. Bramlette, Austin; Mrs. John K. Griffin, Itasca; Mrs. G. F. Henschen, Georgetown. Finance—Mrs. Homer D. Wade, Stamford; Mrs. F. Kiber, Angleton; Mrs. Leila Johnston, Coleman. Printing—Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, Houston; Mrs. Grace Zimmer, Houston; Mrs. Morrison Griffith, Conroe. Program—Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth; Mrs. B. H. Lawrence, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. G. Love, Houston. Transportation—Mrs. J. R. Thomas, Honey Grove; Mrs. J. J. Hardin, Dallas; Mrs. C. H. Alexander, Cisco.

The special committees were: Endowment Fund—Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. W. W. Rix, Big Spring; Mrs. P. D. Hollingsworth, Sherman; Mrs. Robert Browning, Terrell; Miss Mary Roper, Houston; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi. Rural Life—Miss Mamie Gearing, Austin, State Chair-

man; Miss Laura Hamner, Claude; Mrs. Emma Gaft, Denison; Mrs. J. B. Owen, Marshall; Mrs. E. A. Arnim, Flatonía. Training School—Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas, State Chairman; Mrs. George Collins, Greenville; Mrs. Fred Robinson, Waco; Mrs. Lee Joseph, Cuero; Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring. Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws—Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Marshall, State Chairman; Mrs. H. F. Ring, Houston; Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan.

Mrs. Fall continued the excellent plan of addressing a letter to the clubs, weekly, through the press, adding newspapers to her list constantly, until she was furnishing 19 papers with club news. These papers, in addition to these already mentioned, were: Austin American, Beaumont Enterprise, Beaumont Journal, Brownwood Bulletin, Corpus Christi Caller, Texarkana Four States Press and Waco Morning News.

In the new Club Annual, appeared this notice, regarding the Literary Contest: "Mrs. Henry B. Fall inaugurates this year the President's medal, to be awarded for the best short story, under the following conditions: Medal to be the property of recipient for one year, then again placed in the Federation short story contest. If won any five times by the same contestant, medal to become the permanent property of winner."

The Second Annual Home Economics Week at the State University, February 9-13, 1914, was well attended, over 200 visitors and 400 Austin women having registered. Besides these, 400 students attended the lecture of Dr. Frank Alvah Parsons of New York City on Ethics and Aesthetics of Dress. Governor Colquitt had appointed a commission, composed of Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, Mrs. M. V. Galbreath, Mrs. O. B. Colquitt, Mrs. Henry B. Fall and Mr. J. T. Bowman, to perfect plans to have Texas creditably represented at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and the clubwomen were asked to help attain this end.

The district meetings began with the Third District convention, held at Tyler, April 14-16, 1914, with the

State Executive Board meeting on April 14, 15. The Board met April 14 in the home of Mrs. Chas. T. Bonner, at 9 a. m., Mrs. Henry B. Fall, President, presiding. 24 members were present. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Mrs. Robert Browning, Mrs. M. W. Sims and Mrs. Florence Floore were appreciated visitors. Mrs. Fall called Mrs. Pennybacker to the chair, while she presented her report, and the following recommendations and suggestions, which were adopted: 1. That another district be added to the state, to be named the Sixth District. 2. That two year-books be issued for each administration, said book to be known as the "Club Annual." 3. That the clubs study the Panama Canal, its people and the country. 4. That clubs give one day in the year to the study of the Bible as a literary masterpiece. The Conservation Committee, through Mrs. Bruce Reid, chairman, asked that they be allowed to specialize on birds. Mrs. Reid and Miss Decca Lamar West, chairman of the Press, were requested to confer and report regarding the editing and publishing of special articles on birds in the various papers.

The report of the special committee to re-district Texas, Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Brenham, chairman, with Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan, and Mrs. W. A. Warner, Claude, was read. The Second and Third Districts remain unchanged; the Sixth and new District is to be comprised of Belton and Gatesville (taken from the Fourth) with the following towns from the First and Fifth Districts: Abilene, Alpine, Ballinger, Bastrop, Belton, Big Spring, Brady, Brownwood, Cisco, Coleman, Colorado, Comanche, Dublin, El Paso, Gatesville, Goldthwaite, Granbury, Hico, Lampasas, Llano, Marfa, Mason, Midland, Odessa, Pecos, Roscoe, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Stephenville, Sterling City, Sweetwater, Toyah. A resolution was prepared to be sent the Hon. W. J. Bryan that the Texas Federation was heartily in favor of the movement to change the title "War Department" to "Department of the Army." A letter was considered from the State Library Com-

mission concerning the matter of sending out traveling libraries. The Commission asked the Federation to furnish them 10,000 volumes, for which they would provide room, traveling cases, and prepare books for circulation; transportation to be paid by the borrowers. Mrs. Terrell spoke of the Library Commission as a child of the Federation, and spoke enthusiastically concerning the advisability of cash donations. Mrs. W. B. Wynne, of the Library Extension Committee, stated all the Federation traveling libraries had been sent to the state librarian. The Legislative Committee was instructed to take steps to procure a charter for the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. The Board was the guest of the First Literary Club at lunch, in the home of Mrs. Conley. In afternoon session, Mrs. R. E. Buchanan reported the State Endowment Fund had \$2135 in cash on hand. The president announced that the chairman of the State Endowment Fund had suggested that Texas have an Honor Roll, each name inscribed thereon representing \$100 given to the fund. She further said that Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston, had placed \$100 in her hands, to use for some purpose during this administration, and that it gave her great pleasure to start this Honor Roll with the name of Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan. The Board enthusiastically approved and Mrs. Sims acknowledged her appreciation of the honor accorded her. Galveston was chosen as hostess to the next State Convention. Motion of Mrs. J. C. Terrell carried that, hereafter, the spring session of the Executive Board should be held in Austin during Home Economics Week at the University—this being the second week of February. On account of the increasing clerical labor connected with the President's office, it was voted that the sum of \$360 yearly should be appropriated for the president to use for secretarial work. The Board decided to continue its labors for another day, and members were requested to meet promptly at the Baptist Church 9 a. m., Wednesday, April 15. Mrs. Barry presented the following resolution which was adopted: "That the

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs accept the custodianship of the loan fund of the Mary Nash Alumnae, to be disbursed under the same rules and regulations as the present loan fund of the T. F. W. C., without further responsibility. This fund shall be known as the Mary Nash Memorial." Miss West presented a resolution in formal language that, "in recognition of the service of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker," the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs should present a gavel to the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the coming Biennial in Chicago—that the President should appoint a committee with power to act—that she should be a member of this committee and make the presentation speech. Adopted. After considering the applications of new clubs, the Board adjourned.

The Third District meeting opened with President's Evening on Tuesday, April 14, at 8:30 p. m., in the Baptist Church of Tyler, Mrs. Will Anderson, First Vice-president, presiding. It was the occasion for the extending of open-hearted hospitality by the Tyler women, the hearing of the District President's annual address, the receiving of a word of encouragement from the State President and of a genuine uplift from the National President, who delivered an inspired and inspiring address, and a hand-clasp across the seas from Mrs. John Leckie, now of England, but known and loved in Texas as Mrs. J. B. Goodhue of Beaumont. There was an enjoyable musical program also. Mrs. Cone Johnson, on the eve of her departure for her future residence in Washington, remained over to extend a welcome to her club friends and neighbors. Business sessions opened the next day, April 15, with Mrs. W. T. Spencer in the chair. The United Mothers' Clubs in Texarkana observed Fire Prevention Day. The Jefferson Clubs reported excellent conditions in their schools, and many schools in the district were reported as having fire-drills. Reports on Pure Food inspection showed best results where clubwomen inspected the stores and markets, Sulphur Springs, Jefferson, Daingerfield, Pa-

ris and Marshall all showing fine results. The 1881 Club, Jefferson; Southern Literary, Ladonia; Clover and Civic Clubs, Kaufman; XX Century Club, Paris; Shakespeare Club, Longview, and Civic Club, Pittsburg, reported work done for parks and playgrounds. Standard Club, Greenville, sent pictures with its traveling library. A meeting of rural and clubwomen in Harrison County was arranged. Standard Club, Winnsboro, and XIX Century Club, Corsicana, were studying the art and architecture of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The address of Prof. Stockton Axson, Rice Institute, Houston, on Women and Patriotism, was much enjoyed.

The Second District met in Whitesboro, April 20, 21, 1914. Owing to the illness of Mrs. C. L. Bradford of Bonham, District President, Mrs. R. H. Garrison, Denton, First Vice-president, presided. President's Evening, on April 20, 8:30 p. m., Mrs. Fall, State President, delivered her address. Mrs. J. H. Omohundro read an historical sketch of Whitesboro, and presented a gavel to the district, made of wood from one of seven trees that were local landmarks, standing at the cross-roads of the old "Wolf Trail," and stage line between St. Louis and San Francisco. The following day, in the business sessions, reports from individual clubs were heard. In the afternoon, a pecan tree was planted in the high school grounds, with ceremonies, and christened Bradford-Garrison. This was followed by an auto ride for the delegates into the country. An Educational Session was held on the morning of Wednesday, April 22. The Hon. John Marshall of Sherman, Ex-Speaker of the State Legislature, addressed the clubwomen on their far-reaching activities, and predicted equal franchise for them. Judge Quentin Corley, Dallas, made a stirring appeal for the Girls' Training School; he urged the clubwomen to seek the appropriation from their county commissioners. Hon. Sam Crowell spoke on Rural Life. The afternoon of April 20, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Buchanan held a reception for the delegates, while

S. P. Crowell

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Noland entertained on Tuesday evening, April 21.

Abilene entertained the First District in its Twelfth Annual Convention on April 23, 24, 1914. Sessions opened in the morning in the Carnegie Auditorium, with Mrs. S. H. Burnside presiding. President's Evening was held the same night. Mrs. A. M. Moon read a sketch of Abilene. Mrs. Fall, State President, announced the presentation of a banner to the District bringing in the largest number of new clubs. Educational Extension was the topic of Mrs. Warner of Claude, Club Extension of Mrs. W. A. Chapman of Anson, and Kindergarten of Mrs. R. B. Paddock of Fort Worth. At 4 p. m., the Chamber of Commerce took the ladies on an auto ride to Lytell Lake and a visit to the Epileptic Colony. Tea was had at Dr. Bass' under the auspices of the Shakespeare Club. A twilight musicale was given by the Simmons' Round Table, in the College chapel. President's Evening program, besides the addresses of Mrs. Burnside and Mrs. Fall, featured the review of club work by Miss Ella Cockrell, who presided over the first district meeting held in First District. Mrs. Warner of Claude, spoke on Women's Duty to Women. Pledges were taken by Mrs. R. E. Buchanan for the Endowment Fund. A debate was held: Resolved, That New Conditions Demand a New Type of Woman. This was decided in the negative. Several fine musical numbers were also enjoyed. Some excellent topics and discussions were: Are We Drifting Too Far From Our Club Work? Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring; On Dress—Its Influence, Hygienic, Moral, Economic, Mrs. L. L. Ezell, Snyder; How I Saw Westminster Abbey, Mrs. W. W. White, Brady; What Constitutes a Masterpiece and Some Masterpieces I Have Seen, Mrs. M. P. Bewley. Club reports showed this district had taken for its special work, the State Endowment and the Girls' Training School.

The Fifth District meeting was held in Lampasas, April 27, 28. The visitors were given an auto drive

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, followed by the planting of the Federation pecan tree at the library. The President's Evening program was presented at the Baptist Church, Monday at 8:30 p. m., with Mrs. W. L. Makemson, Georgetown, Vice-president, in the chair. The response to the hearty welcome extended was made by Mrs. B. B. Fairchild, Taylor. State President, Mrs. Fall, brought a message of cheer; Mrs. H. D. Brown, San Antonio, delivered her annual President's address. An informal reception was held at the close of the program. Tuesday, April 28, at 9 a. m., the business sessions began. Especially interesting was the organization of the Rio Grande Federation of the Valley Clubs, and Bee County Federation, which had federated six clubs, with 200 members, who planned to study Political Science. Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi, raised \$560 for the State Endowment Fund. A Taylor Library Association was formed. Miss Rich, Texas University, gave a talk on The Educational Value of Home and School Clubs. Mrs. Buchanan presented the State Endowment Fund. Mrs. J. H. Ewell, Goliad, reported on the declamation prizes secured. At noon, the delegates were guests of the Young Men's Business League of Lampasas. In the afternoon, these topics were discussed: Which is more practical for a small town having four federated clubs, a City Federation, or a Department Club? Social Welfare Work; talk by policeman Mrs. C. C. Graham, San Antonio; The Ballot in the Hands of Women, Miss Marin Fenwick, San Antonio. A reception at the home of Mrs. W. F. Barnes was the closing feature of the convention.

Last, but they would concede, by no means least, the Fourth District was hospitably entertained by Navasota, April 30, and May 1, 1914. The afternoon of April 30th, the district Executive Board was the guest of Mrs. B. F. Salyers, in her home, for their business meeting. At 5:30 p. m., an artistic musicale was given at the home of Mrs. E. M. Perry, President of the Civic League. President's Evening was held in the Audi-

torium of the Victoria Felder Manual Training School. Mrs. F. Kiber, Angleton, District Vice-president, presided. Mrs. Fall and Mrs. J. L. Cunningham gave their messages as State and District Presidents. May 1 saw the delegates attending to business. The Collegeport Woman's Club shared their library, free of cost, with a nearby village, and made their school house a civic center; Hearne Shakespeare Club entertained the men, and a commercial organization of 100 men was the outcome; Smithville, Hearne, and Center put drinking fountains in their school grounds. Flatonia Shakespeare and School Clubs raised \$1100 in a week's time for domestic science, agricultural and mechanical training departments in their schools. Wharton Mutual Improvement Club offered gold medal to rural school furnishing best paper on history of Wharton County, also \$50.00 to the church rendering greatest assistance in civic work.

The dates of the Chicago Biennial Meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs were June 8-15, 1914. Even larger than the delegation which went to San Francisco to help elect Mrs. Pennybacker, was that which desired to go to Chicago to witness her triumphs, and have some share in her glory. Mrs. Pennybacker had given them a personal invitation to come and sit where she could gaze into the faces of her own state's clubwomen. Mrs. Fall had placed the matter of the gavel for presentation in the hands of Mrs. Dibrell, who had given the commission to the artist Peter Mansbendel of Austin, who thus describes the symbolism of the beautiful design he wrought: "The symbols are Love, Liberty, Unity and Charity. Love and Charity, the noblest traits in woman's character, are depicted in this piece of Texas walnut; Love as motherly love consoling a weeping child; Charity, a principle around which women's clubs have been organized in every land, is emptying a horn of plenty filled with fruit and flowers; a little girl is standing near. Unity, the most essential quality of permanency and strength, is shown on the gavel in

a conventional pose, holding a bundle of sticks bound together, which will recall the fable of the father giving his sons this example of the strength of Unity. Liberty is symbolized by a character holding a flaming torch enlightening the world. On the pole of the gavel is a shield with the engraved motto 'Unity in Diversity'; on the opposite pole, the flag of the Lone Star State." On the opening night of the Biennial in Chicago, Mrs. Fall presented this gavel to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in the name of the Texas Federation, in a few words of sentiment and fancy. Mrs. Pennybacker accepted the gift for the Federation in "an inspired outburst of oratory." When she concluded, the Texas delegation rose in their seats, and sang the Federation song composed for the occasion and sung to the tune of Dixie. The audience was taken by surprise, and applauded tumultuously.

The Federation was represented at the Good Roads Convention in Galveston, August 28, by Mrs. March Culmore, Houston; at the Traveling Men's Auxiliary to Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association in Dallas, October 24, by Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas; at the conference held by the A. and M. College, in Dallas, October 24, by Mrs. J. C. Muse, Dallas.

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs met in Galveston, November 16-20, 1914, in the Hotel Galvez. The program opened with a President's Institute at 3:30 p. m., November 16, presided over by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, in which club problems were discussed by presidents of states, districts, cities and clubs. The Executive Board met at 7:30 p. m., with Mrs. Fall, President, in the chair, and 30 members present, and Mrs. Pennybacker as an honored guest. In addition to two recommendations of Mrs. Fall presented at Tyler, were two more at this time: To appoint a special committee to help create a demand for goods made in the United States; to concentrate all the Federation forces in obtaining from the next legislature both Compulsory

Education and Child Labor Laws. Miss Louise Pace, Corsicana, Music Chairman, recommended that the Board endorse the Synchronized Musico Historical Charts, prepared by Mrs. Wille Hutcheson, Houston. Adopted.

At 10 a. m., November 17, in the Terrace Room of Hotel Galvez, Mrs. Fall formally opened the convention. The following clubs recommended by the Executive Board were unanimously elected to membership: First District—Mary E. Simmons Literary Society, Abilene; Pope Literary Society, Abilene; Woman's Civic League, Albany; Women's Club, Archer City; Home and School Club, Big Spring; XXth Century Club, Big Spring; Civic Improvement Club, Chilli-cothe; Clark Literary Society, Fort Worth; Excelsior Club, Indian Creek; Study Club, McLean; Civic League, Plainview; Bay View Club, Ranger; Utile Dulce, Seymour; Choral Club, Stephenville; Delphian Society, Wichita Falls; Musicians' Club, Wichita Falls; Pathfinders Club, Wichita Falls. Second District—The Florence Fall Club, Allen; Civic League, Arlington; Culture Club, Bardwell; Parent-Teachers Club, Bonham; Bible Study Club, Cleburne; Schubert Choral Club, Dallas; Texas Rural Welfare Association, Dallas; Oakwood Cemetery Association, Denison; Hypatia Club, Farmersville; Study Club, Lewisville; Entre Nous Club, McKinney; Thursday Club, Plano; Standard Club, Van Alstyne; Music Club, Waxahachie; History Club, Whitesboro; 1904 History Club, Whitewright. Third District—Civic and Needlework Club, Blooming Grove; Bay View Club, Detroit; Rainey Addition Civic League, Marshall; XXth Century Club, Mineola; Shakespeare, Mt. Vernon; Treble Clef Club, Sulphur Springs; Progressive Club, Troupe; Coterie Club, Tyler; Standard Club, Tyler; Minerva Club, Winnsboro. Fourth District—Athenium Club, Alvin; Art Department of Woman's Reading Club, Beaumont; Public Library Association, Blessing; Women's Federated Club, Buckeye; Women's Reading

Club, Chenango; Pierian Club, Fostoria; Sam Houston School Club, Galveston; Women's Study Club, Holland; Housewives' League, Houston; South End Study Club, Houston; Treble Clef Club, Houston; Women's Wednesday Club, Houston; Mothers' Club, Joaquin; Literary Club, Palacios; Women's Civic and Culture Club, Reagan; Dorcas Club, Sweeney; Housekeepers' Club, Temple; Texas City Civic Club, Texas City; Art League, Waco; Mothers' Club, Woodville. Fifth District—Hyde Park Reading Club, Austin; Texas Women Bankers' Association, Austin; Self Culture Club, Brownsville; Civic and Literary Club, Cotulla; Mothers' Club, Falfurrias; Home and School Club, Lampasas; Rio Grande Valley Federation of Civic Clubs, Mission; XXth Century Club, Toyah; Country Neighbors Club, Tuleta.

The President's recommendations were adopted at this session. The feature of Tuesday afternoon was Echoes from the Biennial, two-minute talks from the women who had attended the Chicago Convention, revealing the spirit of harmony among those united for service to humanity.

President's Evening was held in Scottish Rite Cathedral, November 17, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, Vice-president-at-Large, presiding. The program as arranged was: Piano Solo—Danse Negre (Cyril Scott), Miss Ruth Cohen, Galveston; President's Message, Mrs. Henry B. Fall, Houston, President T. F. W. C.; Three Points to Which I Invite Centralized Attention During the Next Two Years, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, President G. F. W. C.; Greetings from the Past and Visiting State Presidents; Symposium of Youth—The Blue Bird, Romantique, Mendelssohn's Spring Song—Arranged by Mrs. A. S. Geitzendanner; Aria from Rinaldo (Handel), Mrs. Oscar Pabst; The Biennial, Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, Sherman. Wednesday morning, the interesting reports of the City Federations were heard: "The reports from the City Federations of Abilene, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Houston, Mar-

shall, San Antonio, McKinney, Brownwood, from the County Federations of Rio Grande Valley and Armstrong County, and the Housewives' League of Houston, all showed marked activity along every possible phase of community interest. The report of Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, State Secretary to General Federation, showed that Texas and Illinois tied and headed the list of states bringing the largest number of clubs into the General Federation." Mrs. E. L. Darwin, member of the State Food and Drug Inspection Department, gave some practical ideas along the lines of keeping food clean. She then introduced Dr. E. H. Golaz, chemist in the Texas Food and Drug Department, who urged the adoption of city ordinances governing pure food and pure milk. "Dr. Golaz emphasized the fact that the enforcement of the law, however, was in the women's hands. This brought out a discussion of women jurors for cases of violation of said ordinance, and Mrs. Olga Kolberg stated that there was nothing in the statutes of Texas prohibiting women to sit on the jury. Miss Ruth Finch, of McKinney, gave a splendid paper, 'Our Girls' Clubs.' This young girl organized a number of girls' clubs and brought them into the Federation. Mrs. J. L. Lovejoy moved a rising vote of thanks to the youth of the Federation in the person of Miss Finch, and every member arose to second the motion. Mrs. Pennybacker expressed her joy and pleasure in the Federation possessing such a wonderful organizer." The Endowment Fund was again eloquently brought to the attention of the women by Mrs. R. E. Buchanan. About half of the \$10,000 was raised. "Several clubs made pledges, while 17 names were placed on the Honor Roll by the payment of \$100 each. These names were: Mrs. M. W. Sims, by Mrs. Henry B. Fall (through Mrs. W. B. Sharp); Mrs. Henry B. Fall, by the clubwomen of Houston; Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, by the women of San Antonio; Mrs. G. R. Scott, by the women of Corpus Christi; Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, by Monday Book Club, Fort Worth; Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, by the women of

First District; Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, by the women of Fourth District; Mrs. M. P. Bewley, by the women of Fort Worth; Mrs. C. L. Bradford, by the women of Second District; Mrs. R. H. Garrison, by the women of Denton; Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, by Texas friends; Mrs. J. C. Terrell, by friends; Mrs. Chas. L. Hamil, by U. D. C.; Mrs. H. P. Drought, by San Antonio friends; Mrs. H. D. Brown, by friends in San Antonio and Fifth District; Mrs. S. J. Wright, by women of Third District; Mrs. Mattie Coggin, by Brownwood friends; Mrs. Olga Kohlberg, El Paso." An interesting feature of Wednesday afternoon's session was the report of Mrs. Walter B. Sharp, Houston, chairman of Social Service Committee. "Mrs. Sharp asked the delegates to return to their clubs with this message, that there is no social injustice existing in this state today that can not permanently be wiped out." She recommended the Federation to concentrate upon securing the passage of the uniform child labor and compulsory education laws; also, that "this convention adopt the plan of setting aside one month—preferably October—in each club calendar for the study of social conditions—good or bad—with the distinct purpose of making this state as nearly perfect as possible and that as soon as possible." Most interesting were the plans for the betterment of rural conditions. Miss Mamie Gearing, chairman Rural Life Committee, told of a plan by which "the rest room might become a market house where the rural woman might dispose of her products." Miss Lutie E. Stearns of Milwaukee, a director in the General Federation, for years at the head of Library Extension in Wisconsin, addressed the body on The Woman on the Farm. Mrs. J. W. Wilkerson, President of the Louisiana Federation, and an honored guest of the convention, told of the unique use to which the gasoline engine of an automobile was put—that of furnishing the power for a motion picture machine that was carried out to the rural districts in Louisiana furnishing both amusement and educational advantages to the people of the country.

Mrs. Wilkerson said as far as she had been able to ascertain this was the only one of its kind in this country." The Woman on the Texas Farm was discussed by Mrs. Nat P. Jackson, Paris. Mrs. Maggie T. Barry explained the Smith-Lever Bill. "This bill, carrying with it an appropriation, was passed by the legislature for the purpose of enabling the Federal Government to extend aid to the states in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics. The sum available for this year in Texas is \$10,000, amounting in ten years to \$300,000. Mrs. Barry stated that the women were allowed less than twenty per cent of this, but justly deserved fifty per cent, which percentage she felt sure could be obtained by the earnest personal solicitation of the hundreds of clubwomen. A large number of women pledged themselves as willing to make the personal appeal to Mr. Clarence Ousley, head of the Extension Division of A. and M. College."

From the official minutes for Thursday, November 19, these important features are noted: Mr. S. M. N. Marrs, Superintendent of Public Schools, Terrell, an address, Compulsory Education. "Mr. Marrs prefers the term compulsory school attendance. Mr. Marrs had the privilege of writing the first compulsory attendance law ever adopted by the State Legislature—the only legal one today in Texas is enforced in Terrell." Mrs. C. M. Hughs, Wharton, announced Mrs. Elenita Kirkpatrick, Paris, the winner of the President's medal for the best short story. Mrs. Hughs offered a medal for 1915 for the best poem on the topic, Peace. The prize poem for 1914 was *The Joy of a Smile*, the prize feature article or essay was *The Woman of the New South*. Prize year-books were announced as those of the El Progreso Club, Uvalde; XX Century, Cisco; Woman's Club, Waco; Shakespeare Club, Itasca; Woman's Club, Marshall. The time for closing literary contests was shortened to September 1 for the districts, October 1 for the state. Mrs. W. F. Stewart, Fort

Worth, spoke on Moving Picture Shows and How to Censor Them. Mrs. Mary Bornefeld, Galveston, gave the historical sketch of Galveston, with its vicissitudes and triumphs as a city. Judge Quentin Corley spoke earnestly in behalf of the Girls' Training School; the responsibility now rested with the clubwomen, who had undertaken to raise from the citizens, and through the county commissioners' courts, the \$25,000 quota. The state was ready with its money and would erect and maintain the school. Dr. W. B. Bizzell, President of the A. and M. College, had for his topic, Vocational Guidance. Miss Helen Varick Boswell, of New York City, spoke on What Today Calls For. Miss Boswell acquired fame in going to the Panama Canal, by the appointment of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft, and introducing the woman's club movement, allaying the unrest and discontent then prevalent among the workers' families. The accounts of her success were widespread, and the Canal Zone Federation has sent its delegates back home to conventions in the states. The innovation of holding the Music Session in the main convention program, proved most interesting to the delegates. Miss Louise Pace, Corsicana, Chairman, presided, and presented Mr. Frank L. Reed, Professor of History of Music in the State University, in an address, Music as an Educational Force. Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Fort Worth, gave Music as a Social Force, and Mrs. R. L. Cox, Houston, Standardization of Music Teachers. Miss Pace reported that a poem contest for suitable words, descriptive of Texas, to be used as a Federation song, was announced in July, 1914. 96 poems were entered, and after careful consideration, the poem by Mr. Whitney Montgomery, Eureka, was deemed most available. It is entitled Glorious Texas Land.

Mrs. Dibrell reported that the charter of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was secured for a period of 50 years, dating from September 1, 1914. The application for charter was filed over the names of Mrs.

Joseph B. Dibrell, Seguin; Mrs. W. E. Spell, Waco, and Mrs. Marshall Spoons, Fort Worth, and cited, as charter members, a large majority of Texas women who had been, prior to that time, actively identified with club work throughout the state.

The Fine Arts Evening was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, with Miss Louise Pace, Chairman of Music Committee, presiding. The following artistic program was rendered: "Let all that is called Life be sacrificed to noble claims and to a sanctuary of Art."—Beethoven.

Part 1—*Eu Forme de Valse* (Saint-Saens), Miss Sue Southwick, Galveston; *Nirvana* (Stephens), Mr. George Doscher, Houston; (a) *Devotion*, (b) *Gnomentanz* (Popper), Mr. Julian Paul Blitz; Selection from *La Boheme* (Puccini), Mrs. Sam J. Miller; (a) *Oh, That We Two Were Maying* (Nevins), (b) *Spring-tide in the Meadows* (Leighton-Vancourt), Mrs. George Reid, Galveston, Mrs. E. B. Holman, Galveston; *The Cry of Rachel* (Mary Turner Salter), Mrs. Charles Sander, Austin. Part 2—*Interpretation Dance*—Summer, Miss Linda Fowler, Galveston; *Michiella's Aria* from *Carmen* (Bizet), Miss Truna Rollo, Houston; (a) *Chanson Louis XIII et Pavane* (Cauperin-Kreisler), (b) *Pierrot Gai* (Cirendelli), Mr. Moody Dawson, Houston; (a) *Depius le Jour* from *Louise* (Charpentier), (b) *Spirit Flower* (Campbell Tipton), Miss Stella Lea Ousley, Denton; *Allegro brio* from *Sonata in B flat* (Schytte), Miss Louise Daniels, Houston; *La Ballade du Desepere* (Bemberg); Mrs. Huberta Nunn, Mrs. March Culmore, Moody Dawson, Julian Paul Blitz, Miss Louise Daniels, Houston. Accompanists, Mesdames E. E. Wyssong, R. C. Cox, Misses Edith Hutchings, Ethlyn Bowman, Laura Park; Presentation of Perpetual Banner to Fourth District, as this district brought in largest number of clubs, by Mrs. W. C. Corbett; Presentation of medal for best short story awarded to Mrs. Elenita Kirkpatrick, Paris, by Mrs. Henry B. Fall.

Friday saw the close of the convention and the planting of the pecan tree in Central Park. Galveston, being

Texas' "playground," offered pleasures to the visitors, which were "different." On Tuesday, at 4:30 p. m., autos carried the delegates down the island to an "oyster roast" as guests of the Galveston Commercial Association. On Wednesday afternoon, the ladies were taken for a sail on the bay, returning from which, formal dress was assumed for the reception at the Hotel Galvez that evening. Thursday, at 4:30 p. m., the club-women were taken for an auto drive as guests of the Galveston ladies.

Some of the resolutions adopted at Galveston were: To co-operate with the Travelers' Aid Society of California, to issue warning to keep girls from going alone to San Francisco in 1915; the society will protect girls consigned to their care, and investigate employment offered; to co-operate with the Texas Good Roads Association in improving public highways; to protect the insect-eating birds; to call upon the next legislature for further appropriations for the College of Industrial Arts; to urge appointment of women on school boards, and the appointment of a woman state inspector of all schools.

The innovation of holding the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Texas Federation at Austin during Home Economics Week, brought its members together at time of Third Home Economics Week, on February 16, 1915, at 9 a. m., in the Y. M. C. A. building. Mrs. Henry Fall presided. 30 members and two visitors, Miss Ruth Finch, McKinney, and Miss Anna Maxwell Jones, New York, were present. The treasurer, Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall, in making her report, suggested that the treasurer should be placed under bond. Conservation Committee asked the Federation to recommend the establishment of State Bird Reservations. Education Committee reported more scholarships needed, especially in normal schools. Scholarships for boys at the Terrill School of Dallas were reported. The President's recommendation was "that we have a Central Legislative Committee, made up of

one member from each of seven or more State organizations of women, this committee to investigate and concentrate on the greatest need of the state. This plan will add much strength to the bill presented to be able to present it with such endorsements as United Daughters of the Confederacy, Young Women's Christian Association, Daughters of American Revolution, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, Charities and Correction, Congress of Mothers, Women's Christian Temperance Union." All these recommendations were adopted. An evening session was held at 8 p. m., from which these items are recorded: "Mrs. Floore, chairman of the Civic Committee, reported the Governor saying he would issue proclamations stressing Arbor and Clean-up Days. Mrs. Buchanan, chairman of the Endowment Fund, reported on hand \$3000 in money and \$2000 in pledges. Mrs. Hertzberg, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Buchanan were appointed as a board of directors of this endowment fund; the president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs to be a member ex-officio of this committee. In connection with the report of the Smith-Lever Bill Committee, the president said she and Mrs. Pennybacker had asked the Governor for 50 per cent of the appropriation of this bill. Mrs. Fleming reported that she had made the same request of Mr. Ousley of A. and M. College. Though both were favorable, neither had the authority to act. Mrs. Cunningham's resignation, on account of illness, from the presidency of the Fourth District, was read and accepted. Mrs. W. W. McCrory, Edna, District President pro tem, was greeted. Another star was added to the Texas Federation crown when on March 2, 1915 (Texas Independence Day), the Texas Building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition was dedicated. It was fitting that a woman should be chairman of the day, Mrs. Reba Callaway Hulen, formerly of Galveston, for the beautiful building was a monument to the perseverance of the clubwomen who had worked so untiringly to obtain the necessary money to finance the undertaking.

There was much rejoicing when the Thirty-third legislature passed the Compulsory Education bill on March 13, 1915, and the New Labor Law limiting the hours of labor for females, on March 15, 1915.

District meetings opened in 1915 with the Fifth District as guests of San Antonio, April 12, 13, 1915, for its Fourteenth Annual Convention. This district was the first to have an equal suffrage speech on a program, and the first to endorse equal suffrage. Mrs. H. D. Brown, in her annual report, tells how pleased she was with the exhibit of year-books shown at this meeting.

The Fourth District meeting was held in Bryan, April 14-16, 1915, celebrating its Fourteenth Convention. Mrs. W. W. Crory, President, presided. Club reports showed civic clubs interested in bringing lyceum courses to their towns, observing Clean-up Days, and Pure Food Inspection. School clubs reported Better Baby contests. Many clubs reported having special programs on Social Service. The Hon. Clarence Ousley, of A. and M. College, explained the provisions of the Smith Lever Act. Miss Louise Pace addressed the convention upon music.

The Second District convened in Waxahachie, April 15-17, in its Thirteenth Convention. Mrs. R. H. Garrison presided over a meeting of the District Executive Board, April 15, in Sims' Library. President's Evening occurred on April 15, 8:30 p. m., when Mrs. Fall, State President, brought a message of encouragement, and Mrs. Garrison gave her District President's address. Some topics of the next day's sessions were: Plans for Better Food Sanitation, Mrs. E. L. Darwin, Gainesville; Why the Federation Needs the Girls, Miss Ruth Finch, McKinney; Music, a Daily Need in Life, Miss Louise Pace, Corsicana. The Spirit and the Art of Robert Louis Stevenson, by Dr. Stockton Axson of Rice Institute, Houston, was most inspiring to the clubwomen. Mrs. Chas. Saunders, Denton, gave a splendid music report, and awarded the District prize for best poem to Mrs. M. L. Hunter, Dallas. The historical

sketch of Waxahachie was read by Mrs. George A. Groce, Waxahachie. Hospitalities offered were: A luncheon at Hotel Rogers, when the delegates were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce—a drive around the city, and an informal reception at Trinity University, when they were entertained by Trinity Choir. Waxahachie nursery presented the Federation with a pecan tree, which was planted with ceremonies in Geizendanner Park.

The Third District held its Fourteenth Annual Convention in the Baptist Church at Sulphur Springs April 19-21, 1915, opening with President's Evening on April 19, when Mrs. Will Anderson, Winnsboro, First Vice-president, presided. Mrs. W. T. Spencer delivered her President's address, Mrs. Fall, a message of hope. Vanished Towns of Texas was the topic of Mrs. S. J. Wright; Scholarships of the T. F. W. C., Mrs. Fred Fleming; Music was furnished by Mrs. Guy Russell, Sulphur Springs, Miss Willa Rhone, Winnsboro, Miss Fannie Stalcup, Jefferson. On Tuesday, April 20, Dr. Wolfe of Texas University, addressed the clubwomen on The Significance of the Woman's Movement. Miss Louise Pace presided over a music session; her topic was Community Music. Music (piano), Miss Ezell, Corsicana; Music (voice), Music (organ). At 5:30 p. m. the Federation pecan was planted. Tuesday evening a reception was held at the Elks' rooms. The convention adjourned after a business session Wednesday morning, April 21.

The newly created Sixth District held its organization meeting in San Angelo on April 26, 1915, with Mrs. Leila Johnston, Coleman, President pro tem, presiding. The following clubs assisted in the organization: Self-Culture Club, Coleman; First Industrial Art Club, Cisco; Woman's Club, Ozona; Woman's Self-Culture Club, Goldthwaite; Tuesday Club, Brady; Girls' Music Club, San Angelo; Hesperian Club, Colorado City; Civic League, San Angelo; Woman's Music Club, Coleman. Mrs. Leila Johnston, Coleman, was elected

President; Mrs. Ella Scott Fisher, San Angelo, Vice-president; Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring, Second Vice-president; Mrs. E. K. Thomaston, Coleman, Secretary-treasurer. A drive over the city and lunch as guests of the City Federation were pleasures enjoyed by the delegates. The new district compasses towns lying between Odessa and Big Spring on north, Ozona on the south, Belton on the east, and Alpine and El Paso on the west.

The First District met in Quanah, May 4-5, 1915. Mrs. S. H. Burnside, President, presided. Among the activities noted was: A message on Social Service, by Mrs. W. B. Sharp; the Historical Sketch of Quanah and Hardeman County, by Miss Nona Rogers; The Rural Mother in School, by Mrs. W. A. Warner of Claude; Rural Organizations, by Mrs. Nat P. Jackson of College Station. A bright discussion was held, led by Mrs. Joe Carpenter, Aspermont; What the 15,000 Clubwomen of Texas Want. Mrs. Buchanan presented The Endowment Fund. Wednesday afternoon, a music session was held, presided over by Miss Louise Pace, who presented the proposed organization of the Music Clubs into a Federation. Pleasures were many. Press reports tell of a "get acquainted" party, a theatre party, auto ride, and a musicale for the delegates.

The Council Meeting of the General Federation met in Portland, Oregon, June 1-3, 1915.

By September 26, 1915, Mrs. Fall was able to announce through the press that the Girls' Training School was nearing completion, that it would be located in Gainesville, that town having donated \$5000 cash and 150 acres of land to secure the school. Much praise is the meed of the dauntless president, who, with untiring effort, had led her forces to this victory, and erected another enduring monument to the Texas Federation.

Mrs. Fall, in her address at the Brownwood Convention, thus describes a trip she made: "In company with our National President, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, and Mrs. G. R. Scott of Corpus Christi, I visited the

Valley Federation of Clubs, made up of seven hundred splendid women. This journey covered a period of one week, and was made in the interest of, and by invitation of, the clubwomen of the Valley. The company three spoke to six clubs, two schools, and at one court house more than six hundred citizens were gathered, at one community house, and to a company of farm women. The entire trip was full of surprises. At one place the train was stopped, we were rushed to automobiles and hurried across country to enjoy a beautiful luncheon with two hundred women to greet us. This beautiful Valley of the Rio Grande is the undiscovered Eden of Texas, where the culture, charm and hospitality of the people are unsurpassed. Here in this palm-fringed Valley, we christened Mrs. G. R. Scott, 'Admiral Scott,' by reason of the fact that she had convoyed this fleet through the land of big waters back to Corpus Christi Bay, where the journey ended, and where we lunched with two hundred and fifty women gathered in the beautiful Nueces Hotel to receive us and to bid us good-bye."

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Texas Federation was held in Brownwood November 9-12, 1915. The Executive Board met in the dining hall of the Southern Hotel, Brownwood, Monday evening, November 8, Mrs. Fall in the chair. Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, Vice-president-at Large, was called to the chair, while the president presented her report and recommendations. These were: "First, that the Federation take up the question of Foreign Immigration for a closer study; Second, that the incoming administration of the Federation continue the progress of Good Roads work; Third, that the 'Made-in-United States' movement be further encouraged; Fourth, that the Federation use its influence to secure simpler entertainment at the State and District conventions and that the delegates to such conventions be urged to prepare simpler dresses for the occasion; Fifth, that the Federation encourage Civil Service Reform, doing this work through the

proper channels." A most important step was taken when Miss Louise Pace, chairman of Music, presented the following constitutional amendment, with her report: "The music clubs of the Federation, which constitute a separate and self-governing department, the chairman of which shall be accorded the same privilege as given to chairmen of Standing Committees Department, shall be represented at annual meetings by one member for every six clubs. Dues shall be at the rate of fifty cents per club, twenty-five cents of this amount to be paid as assessment to General Federation of Women's Clubs." Mr. Horace Clark, Houston, was announced as the winner of the \$25.00 prize offered for a State Federation song, words and music. The winner of Voice Composition gold medal, offered by Mrs. R. C. Duff of Houston, was Mr. David Guioro, Brownwood; Violin, gold coin given by Mrs. John Lovejoy of McKinney, Miss Emi Waltermire, Honey Grove; Piano, gold pin, Federation emblem, given by State Chairman, Miss Daisy Johnson, Paris." The fact was brought out that through Mrs. Hertzberg's faithful work, Texas now ranked third in number of clubs belonging to the General Federation, Illinois and Ohio holding first and second places, respectively.

The formal opening of the convention took place on Tuesday, April 9, in the auditorium of the Lyric Theater, at 10 a. m. Some of the larger matters considered on Tuesday were: Adoption of the President's recommendations; the use of printed copies of the revised Constitution and By-Laws; the recommendation from the new Rural School Committee that clubwomen study the school laws better, those that concern the rural schools; that individual clubs adopt one of these rural schools, and by individual effort bring about better conditions; and the admission of the following new clubs into membership, having been properly recommended by the Executive Board: First District—Maids and Matrons Club, Brownfield; Business Women's Club, Fort Worth; Unity Club, Henrietta; Harmony Club, Jacks-

boro; Altruistic Club, Olney; Lamar Mothers' Club, Plainview; Woman's Club, Post; Sophie Club, Quanah; (Conditionally) Domestic Science Club, Wellington. Second District—The Nineteen and Now Club, Alvarado; XXth Century Civic League, Celina; Matheon Club, Dallas; Music Study Club, Dallas; Current Literature Club, Denton; Mary Arden Club, Denton; Civic Improvement Club, Godley; Shakespeare Club, Lancaster; Junior Etude Club, McKinney; Woman's Literary Club, Osceola. Third District—Bronte Club, Blooming Grove; Library Association, Como; City Federation, Gilmer; Culture Club, Greenville; Civic League, Mount Pleasant; Knowldeen Club, Mount Pleasant; Civic Club, Sulphur Springs; Council of Mothers, Texarkana; Friday Study Club, Wills Point. Fourth District—Campus Study Club, Bryan; Cadman Club, Crockett; Wednesday Matinee Musical Club, Marlin; Music Study Club, Navasota; Home Economics Club, Port Arthur; Young Woman's Culture Club, Port Arthur; Civic League, Rosenberg; Mothers'-Teachers' Club, Smiley; Self Culture Club, Trinity; Girls' Culture Club, Willis. Fifth District—Book Lovers Club, Alice; Kwill Klub, Austin; Literary Club, Carrizo Springs; Athenaeum Club, Corpus Christi; Civic League, Cuero; Pennybacker Club, Kyle; Music Club, Lockhart; Woman's Study Club, Mercedes; Civic League, Robston. Sixth District—Excelsior Club, Gorman; Improvement Club, Gustine; Culture Club, Lometa; Woman's Club, Ozona.

President's Evening was held in the Lyric Theater, 8 p. m., Tuesday, November 9, 1915, Mrs. Maggie Barry, Vice-president-at-Large, presiding, with the following program: Music, Concertstruck (Weber), two pianos, Mrs. L. P. Allison and Miss Grove; President's message, Mrs. Henry B. Fall, Houston; The Panama Exposition as I Saw It, Mrs. W. M. Sims, Bryan; Aesthetic Dance, Misses Josephine Gilliam and Helen Murphy; Greetings from Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker; a message from the Marchioness of Aberdeen, Eng-

land; Greetings from Mrs. John Leckie, Sutton Coldfields, England; Music, *Fu la Sorte Del 'Armi*, duet from *Aida* (Verdi), Mesdames Chester A. Holding and Wm. C. Cox, accompanist, Miss Aylett Johnson; Greetings from past presidents; Scherzo, *E flat minor* (Brahms), Miss Pearl Talbot.

On Wednesday, November 10, the reports of the following City Federations were heard: Abilene, Brownwood, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Denton, Houston, Fort Worth, Marshall, McKinney, San Antonio and Waco, and the Valley Federation; all these gave accounts of realized efforts in community planning. Mrs. R. E. Buchanan reported status of the Texas Endowment Fund; made an earnest appeal to the women, and in the short time allotted her, succeeded in securing pledges to complete the Endowment Fund. The administration was openly jubilant that another task had been completed, and Mrs. Buchanan was thanked by a rising vote. The following names were added to the Honor Roll: Mrs. Henry Exall, Dallas, by the Shakespeare Club, Dallas; Mrs. W. T. Spencer, Marshall, Third District; Mrs. S. H. Burnside, Wichita Falls, First District; Mrs. George Sexton, Marshall, Marshall friends; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin, state friends; Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston, state friends; Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall, four grandchildren; Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth, Euterpean Club; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth, state friends; Miss Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio, state friends; Miss Decca Lamar West, Waco, Fourth District; Mrs. W. A. Warner, Claude, First District; Mrs. Edward Rotan, Waco, Waco friends; Mrs. Florence Floore, Cleburne, Cleburne friends; Mrs. R. P. Robbins, Cleburne, state friends; Mrs. E. L. Darwin, Gainesville, Second District; Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas, Second District; Mrs. Leila Johnston, Coleman, Sixth District; Mrs. Maggie Barry, Sherman, state friends; Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring, state friends; Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Brownwood, Brownwood friends; Mrs. Fred Abney, Brown-

wood, state friends; Mrs. R. Lee Browning, Terrell, Texas friends; Mrs. Lucy Kidd-Key, Sherman, Kidd-Key College girls; Mrs. Will C. Anderson, Winnsboro, Third District; Mrs. John Lovejoy, McKinney, Texas friends; Mrs. W. W. Jones, Corpus Christi, four daughters; Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Brenham, Brenham friends; Mrs. C. M. Hughs, Wharton, Fourth District; Miss Mary W. Roper, Houston, district friends.

Miss Maud Van Buren of the American Civic Association was then introduced, and her address was full of practical, workable ideas. Mrs. W. B. Sharp presented these recommendations with her report on Social Service: "Inasmuch as the two greatest forces working for human good are divided, we recommend for the Social Service study this coming year 'The Relation of Church to Social Service'; And as it is necessary to know conditions before improving them we recommend the study of the report of 'The National Industrial Commission'; And as efficiency is necessary to accomplish any great work we recommend that this body stress Civil Service Reform as its special legislative measure during the coming year." Mrs. Wm. Dunne, San Antonio, moved that the Texas Federation in convention assembled, go on record as endorsing the Woman's Suffrage movement. The speaker explained that this motion was not intended to pledge individuals to support suffrage against their convictions, but merely to have the Federation endorse one of the progressive movements of the day. A substitute motion tactfully expressed the members' opinion that the Federation constitution would not permit this action. But a rising vote placed the body on record for endorsement of equal suffrage. During the Good Roads sessions, a telegram was read from Mr. J. W. Warren, San Antonio, President of Texas Good Roads Association, stating that Mrs. Culmore's committee had done more for good roads than all the agencies of his association combined. Mr. E. J. Hernan, Assistant Director General of the National Highways Association, Washington, D. C.,

gave a talk which taught the audience many things about highway work. Mr. Hernan urged the women to work for appointment of a State Highway Engineer; for 44 out of 48 states had realized they needed technical direction in the work.

Education held the floor November 11. Mrs. Griffith was enthusiastic in her Kindergarten report, and she recommended that the Federation concentrate its legislative efforts towards securing the incorporation of the Kindergarten in the public school system. Mrs. Fleming followed with the announcement of call for more scholarships; though the Federation now has 52, literary 32; loans have been granted to 16 deserving girls. The Mary Nash Memorial Fund has been increased to \$200. Mrs. Fleming recommended: (1) That the T. F. W. C. help enforce the Compulsory Education law; (2) that the T. F. W. C. strive to improve rural school conditions so the children in such schools can have advantages equal to those in cities. "The subject, 'How Shall We Train Our Women to Better Business Efficiency?' was presented from a sane, sensible viewpoint by Miss May Denison of Fort Worth, secretary of the Texas Women's Bankers Association. Miss Denison offered for consideration the 'Creed of Work for Women' by Miss Helen Louise Johnson of New York. On motion of Mrs. Terrell, this creed is adopted into the constitution of the T. F. W. C. and will be printed in a conspicuous place in our Club Annual." It reads thus: "I believe that every woman needs a skilled occupation developing to the degree of possible self-support. She needs it commercially, for an insurance against reverses. She needs it socially, for a comprehending sympathy with the world's workers. She needs it intellectually, for a constructive habit of mind which makes knowledge usable. She needs it ethically, for a courageous willingness to do her share of the world's work. She needs it aesthetically, for an understanding of harmony relationships as determining factors in conduct and work."

"Mrs. Fall spoke of the Girls' Session as an interesting feature of the program. Miss M. Anne Moore, of the North Texas State Normal College, then introduced Miss Zula Ballew of the Current Literature Club of the North Texas State Normal, who took up the study side of Girls' Clubs; Miss Mary Loflin, Mary Eleanor Brackenridge Club, College of Industrial Arts, told of the social side, while Miss Ruth Anderson, Mary Arden Club, North Texas State Normal, portrayed the art side. Miss Rosalie Kirkpatrick of the Chaparral Club, College of Industrial Arts, told How to Interest the Disinterested Girls, and she was followed by Miss Ruth Finch, whom all know and love, who told Why Our Girls Should Federate; she also told of organizing the Junior Etude of McKinney, comprised of girls ranging from 7 to 15 years, having the youngest membership in the Federation. In the discussion that followed, Mrs. Barry stated the Kidd-Key Shakespeare Club of Kidd-Key College was the first Girls' Club to federate, having federated twelve years ago." Mrs. Barry charmed her hearers with her address The New Art of the Theaters. Mrs. J. Walter Taber of Brownwood gave the Historical Sketch of the City. Mrs. Emma Richardson Cherry, who had just given an art scholarship to the Federation, spoke on suitable pictures for the school. She had with her some photograph and crayon reproductions to show her audience, and the delegates enjoyed viewing them. Mrs. Chas. Reimers, chairman of the Made-in-United States Committee, gave a most interesting account of her research along these lines; she recommended that legislation be sought to compel the proper labeling of goods, to protect the buyer and consumer against fraud as to character and origin of goods. "Miss Louise Pace, chairman of Music Committee, reported the enormous volume of work that had been necessary for the development of the plans of this committee, which were: First, to encourage greater appreciation of the music work of the Federation among our professional musicians of the state; Second, to

make the Federation a real benefit to the music clubs. A resolution which had been approved at all district meetings, had since been framed as an amendment to the constitution of the Federation, and sent to all clubs as the constitution requires and which was unanimously endorsed by the Executive Board, creating a separate Music Department to be known as the Texas Federation of Music Clubs, was unanimously adopted. Miss Pace then called a conference of all delegates from music clubs for the purpose of organizing The Texas Federation of Music Clubs at Southern Hotel for 9 o'clock Friday morning. The President appointed Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Mrs. Bryan Snyder a committee from the Federation to be present at this organization of Music Clubs." It seems appropriate here to record the completion of this momentous step in the history of the Texas Federation—a step that seemed at first thought to be tearing a whole section of clubs away from the Federation, but which has in fact worked out a closer unity with greatly increased efficiency, and much greater interest in matters musical. Above all, it has rapidly spread good music among all the clubs and opened up musical advantages to scores of our Texas youth. Too much praise cannot be given Miss Louise Pace of Corsicana as the founder and organizer of the Federation of Music Clubs. On that Friday morning, when the organization was completed, the presidency was urged upon her, but she declined it, as she felt the need of recovering health and strength, and suggested the name of Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Fort Worth, who was elected. The organization kept in harmony with the constitution of the Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs, in matters of holding district meetings and having annual conventions. The preparation of all music for programs of Federation meetings is in the hands of the president of the Music Clubs, who is always appointed as chairman of Music to the Texas Federation.

All enjoyed the Fine Arts Evening program, rendered

Thursday, November 11, at 8:30 p. m., Miss Louise Pace of Corsicana, chairman of Music Committee, presiding. "We live in this world to live industriously, to enlighten each other by discussion, and to strive vigorously to promote the progress of science and the fine arts."—Mozart. Part 1.—Address, The Correlation of the Fine Arts, Arthur L. Manchester; Chaconne, D major (Bach-Busoni), David Guion; Non Ponentar Gl' Angui d' Inferno, from "The Magic Flute" (Mozart), Helen Fouts Cahoon, accompanist, Guy Richardson Pitner; Praeludium and Allegro (Pugnani-Kreisler), Mabel M. Harlan; One Fine Day He'll Come, from "Madame Butterfly" (Puccini), Augusta Leeper; Rhapsodie Espagnole (Liszt), Frederick Libke. Part 2.—(a) The Moon Drops Low (Cadman), (b) The White Dawn is Stealing (Cadman), Inez Harris; Piano Solo (Selected), Guy Richardson Pitner; (a) Legende, Opus 17 (Wieniawski), (b) Bohemian Dance (O. Seveik), Frank J. Kolbaba; (a) The Birth of Morn (Leoni), (b) Yesterday and Today (Spross), Pearl Mackaye Lowe; Elfin Tanze (Sapelnikoff), Roxy Grove; (a) Love Came in at the Door (Liebling), (b) Thou Art so Like a Flower (Chadwick), Venie Jones Smith; Music Made Visible (interpretative dances), Fay and Bird Hoffman; "The Pipes of Pan" (Fanning), Lulu J. Downing; Reader, Mrs. E. J. Miller, Piano, Aylett Johnson, Violin, Mabel Harlan, Flute, Leila Johnston.

Friday morning, November 12, the last day of a most notable convention dawned. Mrs. J. L. Landrum, the efficient state organizer of the Home Economics Department of the State Department of Agriculture, told of the splendid work being done by the Girls' Canning Clubs. All the recommendations offered in the various reports were adopted. Mrs. Terrell moved that the honor of perpetual ex-officio member of the Executive Board of the Texas Federation be bestowed upon Mrs. Pennybacker. The motion was carried unanimously. The convention ratified the election of the several District Presidents, who are Vice-presidents of the Feder-

ation. The election resulted as follows: Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas, President; Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Brenham, Vice-president-at-Large; Mrs. A. B. Griffith, Dallas, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. A. P. Averill, El Paso, Recording Secretary; Mrs. S. H. Burnside, Wichita Falls, Treasurer; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi, Auditor; Mrs. W. R. Potter, Bowie, President First District; Mrs. R. H. Garrison, Denton, President Second District; Mrs. Will C. Anderson, Winnsboro, President Third District; Miss Decca Lamar West, Waco, President Fourth District; Mrs. W. H. Wentland, Manor, President Fifth District; Mrs. Leila M. Johnston, Coleman, President Sixth District; Mrs. Henry B. Fall, Houston, State Secretary to General Federation.

The banner given to the district bringing in the largest number of clubs was awarded to the Second District. Some resolutions adopted were: That the T. F. W. C. request every delegate to the Biennial to pledge herself to have one costume of white cotton cloth woven and made in Texas—to heartily endorse the Buy-It-Made-In-Texas movement; to allow City Federations more time on programs; to work for a State Board of Censors of Moving Pictures.

Mrs. Fall called the new officers to the platform and presented them to the audience, ere tendering the gavel to Mrs. Fleming. Then singing the closing hymn, *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, they have adopted—Mrs. Dibrell's idea—in memory of the beloved Sarah Platt Decker, the convention adjourned, *sine die*.

When Mrs. Fall had a little conference to bid the members of her board good-bye, they tendered her a beautiful silver bowl, as a token of their love.

The Brownwood Convention will always carry with it a "picnic-y" remembrance—perhaps because all the citizens made it a holiday occasion, and "took in" the meetings. Mrs. Austin entertained the Executive Board with an artistic luncheon. An informal tea tendered the delegates at Howard Payne College on

Thursday afternoon, a beautiful reception at the elegant home of Mrs. J. A. Walker, the unique and satisfying bird roast and barbecue at the picturesque Lake Club, the invitation to go out to Mr. Taber's ranch and pick all the pecans one could carry—all these were like echoes of childhood days, and very heartily appreciated.

With the distress prevailing in Europe, the constant calls for money for various relief funds, the depression caused by the uncertainty whether the United States would "go in" or not, clubwomen seem at one in the thought that only the great courage and perfect faith of Mrs. Fall, and the confidence she inspired in her fellow-workers, won the day, successfully accomplishing that service for Texas girls she had set as the high mark of her endeavor. She served through the next two years as State Secretary to the General Federation, with that perseverance which had previously enabled her to make the record of missing no Federation meeting in the state while president. As president of the Houston Art League, she is now dreaming dreams for her city beautiful which will later crystallize into solid stone and marble, say those who know her well.





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CHAPTER XI

THE TENTH ADMINISTRATION
1915—1917.

"It is a time when clubwomen must lay aside old rules and customs and unite in giving their best efforts to meet the present needs and demands."

—Mrs. Fred Fleming in Letter in Waco Times-Herald, September 9, 1917.—

"She has the dignity of years and the poise of a well-balanced woman, with a calmness and restfulness of manner that makes her friends easily, and almost conceals the depth and earnestness beneath."

—Waco Morning News, November 13, 1917.—

Mrs. Fred Fleming came to the presidential chair well prepared, in the way of familiarity with her new duties. As chairman of the Program Committee for several years, she had furnished the clubwomen with food for thought too many years not to have well-defined ideas as to the state's needs and Federation possibilities. Had she been asked just after her election what Federation work was nearest her heart, she would have answered then, as she said in her annual report at Sherman one year later: "A stronger bond of interest between urban and rural communities—Rural Homes, Rural Schools, Teacherages, Good Roads, Community Centers, Rural Libraries, Rest Rooms, County Parks and Outdoor Beautification." And yet this peaceful work was to be subordinated, if not laid aside, for a call

to sterner duties, which made the echoing refrain "War for Democracy," became the bugle note to action for the tenth administration. The war-cloud in Central Europe was growing larger and spreading faster every day, more and more nations being drawn into its vortex. Over a year had elapsed since the invasion of Belgium—already the United States was being looked to for relief. The American Red Cross was busy in the belligerent countries caring for the sick and wounded, and already knowing it must have more money, supplies and nurses furnished by the United States. Already "Belgian Relief" and "French Orphans" were familiar terms. Already the Texas Federation saw itself with more duties and heavier responsibilities—saw itself facing the judgment of the Apostle, "These ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone." Then the new administration faced another condition—small, when viewed in the light of suffering humanity—large, when it came to questions of increased efficiency. The new Constitution! Like a new dress, it must be tried on. It was nice to have a new garment, but it must fit well! To abandon metaphor, Mrs. Fleming and her fellow officials found that the provisions of the new Constitution made for a closer cohesion, a greater solidarity, and a training school for aspiring clubwomen.

To quote Mrs. Fleming: "We realized that we were confronted by a new Constitution that brought many changes from our old familiar way of doing. We must become the means of maintaining new standards. An informal and very brief meeting of the new board was held in Brownwood to get better acquainted with each other and to discuss some of the new phases of work. The gracious courtesies that kind friends wished to extend were postponed until the President could appoint chairmen for the several committees, for that new Constitution gave another ruling: That the District President and State Chairman complete the committee by appointing one member from each district, thus giv-

ing us uniform committees of seven members each. Again, by this new Constitution, the Executive Board became the Board of Directors, which immediately after its election must meet and appoint from its members an executive and finance committee. December 9, 1915, fourteen members out of the complete number of sixteen, met in Dallas at the home of the president. The day was indeed a profitable one. On December 13, the finance committee met in Fort Worth and adopted the budget system."

The following business committees were appointed: Executive—Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas; Mrs. M. Hettie Curry, Brenham; Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Marshall. Trustees of the Endowment Fund—Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio, State Chairman; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi; Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth. Field Committee on Endowment—Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. J. F. Posey, Haskell; Mrs. P. D. Hollingsworth, Sherman; Mrs. R. Lee Browning, Terrell; Miss Mary W. Roper, Houston; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi; Mrs. R. E. Rankin, Abilene. Club Extension—Mrs. J. Elmer Butler, Corsicana, State Chairman; Mrs. W. E. Davis, Childress; Mrs. Rosser Thomas, Bonham; Mrs. George D. Hurdle, Winnsboro; Mrs. G. J. Phelps, Francitas; Miss L. Mary Cowgill, San Benito; Mrs. W. F. Mace, Lampasas. Finance—Mrs. S. H. Burnside, Wichita Falls, State Chairman; Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth. Made-in-United States—Mrs. Charles Reimers, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. A. H. Murchison, Haskell; Mrs. B. H. Vaughn, Hillsboro; Mrs. Will Hogg, Tyler; Miss Margaret O'Connell, West; Mrs. Murray P. Ramsey, Austin; Mrs. J. W. Dunlap, Dublin. Press—Mrs. William M. Dunne, San Antonio, State Chairman; Mrs. J. U. Field, Haskell; Mrs. George K. Meyer, Dallas; Mrs. B. F. Boydston, Greenville; Mrs. J. M. F. Gill, Cameron; Mrs. Myrtle Garret Kiley, Austin; Mrs. H. J. O'Hair, Coleman. Printing and Badge—Mrs. J. L. Lovejoy, McKinney, State Chairman; Mrs.

G. J. Nunn, Amarillo; Mrs. L. C. Clifton, McKinney; Mrs. N. P. Sanderson, Texarkana; Mrs. J. F. Burton, Houston; Mrs. W. G. Stewart, Harlingen; Mrs. Harvey Allen, San Angelo. Program—Mrs. J. C. Muse, Dallas, State Chairman; Mrs. J. C. Lewellyn, Mineral Wells; Mrs. R. P. Robbins, Cleburne; Mrs. Oscar Busby, Marshall; Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, Port Arthur; Mrs. Lee Joseph, Cuero; Mrs. Rupert Harkrider, Abilene. Transportation—Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan, State Chairman; Mrs. Robert Cray, Quanah; Mrs. C. L. Bradford, Bonham; Mrs. Julian Wood, Mexia; Mrs. M. E. Bryan, Houston; Mrs. A. Sachs, San Antonio; Mrs. J. M. Stephenson, Sweetwater.

The Departments of Work are in charge of the following committees: Art—Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Seguin, State Chairman; Mrs. W. J. Linnen, Bowie; Miss M. W. Shackelford, Denton; Mrs. Fred Doke, Corsicana; Mrs. Dudley Lipscomb, Beaumont; Mrs. H. P. Drought, San Antonio; Mrs. John Hibdon, Toyah. Civic Art—Mrs. M. P. Bewley, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. Fred Chase, Quanah; Mrs. W. C. Edwards, Denton; Mrs. M. Sculley, Marshall; Mrs. Abel D. Pierce, Blessing; Mrs. J. B. Hudson, Victoria; Miss Sallie Hollingsworth, Coleman. Civics—Mrs. Florence Floore, Cleburne, State Chairman; Mrs. J. L. Young, Mineral Wells; Mrs. Silas Hare, Sherman; Mrs. W. A. Worthington, Winnsboro; Mrs. J. W. Tottenham, Brenham; Mrs. J. Alex McDonald, Laredo; Mrs. A. N. Foster, El Paso. Civil Service Reform—Mrs. Fred Robinson, Waco, State Chairman; Mrs. C. H. Newby, Quanah; Mrs. John R. Griffin, Itasca; Mrs. William Bacon, Greenville; Mrs. Margaret Conger, China Springs; Mrs. Durrell Miller, Yoakum; Mrs. Joe Hill, Lometa. Fire Prevention—Mrs. P. P. Tucker, Dallas, State Chairman; Mrs. R. L. Penick, Stamford; Mrs. John Davis, Dallas; Mrs. Lucy Holderness, Sulphur Springs; Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Wharton; Mrs. J. W. Maxwell, Austin; Miss Mae Stockard, Santa Anna. Parks and Playgrounds—Mrs. Chas. W. Simpson, Waxahachie, State Chairman; Mrs. C. T. Watkin,

Quannah; Mrs. George Carmichael, Hillsboro; Mrs. O. M. Thomas, Winnsboro; Mrs. W. B. Cline, Bryan; Mrs. W. C. Craig, Brownsville; Mrs. Roscoe Cox, Stephenville. Conservation—Mrs. Fred Abney, Brownwood, State Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Huggins, Vernon; Mrs. E. D. Criddle, Denton; Mrs. J. F. Rosborough, Marshall; Mrs. D. C. Bland, Orange; Mrs. J. H. Ewell, Goliad; Mrs. A. H. Bell, Brownwood. Waterways and Forestry—Mrs. C. H. McMasters, Galveston, State Chairman; Mrs. Sam L. Seay, Amarillo; Mrs. W. H. Lankford, Sherman; Mrs. G. W. Hanon, Kemp; Mrs. A. F. Graham, Port Arthur; Mrs. E. A. London, Eagle Pass; Mrs. D. P. Moser, Ballinger. Education—Miss Mary E. Gearing, Austin, State Chairman; Mrs. C. B. Felder, Wichita Falls; Miss M. Annie Moore, Denton; Mrs. D. N. Rice, Corsicana; Mrs. J. Thomas Davis, Navasota; Mrs. Charles Gardner, Austin; Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, Abilene. Good Roads—Mrs. March Culmore, Houston, State Chairman; Mrs. Joe M. Carter, Aspermont; Mrs. George C. Groce, Waxahachie; Mrs. A. C. Hoffman, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. T. J. Pugh, Hearne; Mrs. J. M. Young, San Antonio; Mrs. J. B. McEntire, Gorman. History—Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris, State Chairman; Mrs. W. R. Chapman, Anson; Mrs. E. J. Kiest, Dallas; Miss Emma Lake, Marshall; Mrs. R. P. Sweeny, Angleton; Mrs. Henry Redmond, Corpus Christi; Mrs. S. G. Howard, Brownwood. Humane—Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring, State Chairman; Mrs. N. P. Mitchell, Seymour; Mrs. Charles L. King, Whitesboro; Mrs. S. M. Woodard, Blooming Grove; Miss Kathleen Cade, Caldwell; Mrs. B. D. Fairchild, Taylor; Mrs. M. T. Burke, Alpine. Kindergarten—Mrs. Guy McClung, Terrell, State Chairman; Mrs. A. W. Long, Childress; Mrs. Ralph Morris, Denison; Mrs. Dabney White, Tyler; Mrs. A. Brunnemann, Flatonia; Mrs. J. C. Tucker, Corpus Christi; Mrs. R. D. Green, Cisco. Peace—Mrs. W. A. Bonner, Dallas, State Chairman; Mrs. O. P. Harris, Whitney; Mrs. Rodney Neathery, Farmersville; Mrs. R. Y. Lacy, Pittsburg; Miss Cecil Gerst, El Campo; Mrs.

F. M. Fox, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Eli Fairman, Goldthwaite. Political Science—Mrs. Bryan Snyder, Marshall, State Chairman; Mrs. John Tarlton, Fort Worth; Mrs. Edward L. Burton, McKinney; Mrs. A. L. Williams, Sulphur Springs; Mrs. O. L. Clarke, Galveston; Mrs. F. C. Gregg, Manor; Miss Cora Posey, Indian Creek. Rural Life—Mrs. W. A. Warner, Claude, State Chairman; Mrs. E. L. Houghton, Memphis; Miss Elise Griffing, Dallas; Miss Margie E. Neal, Carthage; Mrs. Nat P. Jackson, College Station; Mrs. J. L. Landrum, Austin; Mrs. J. Tom Padgett, Coleman. Home Economics—Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. D. Calloway, Bowie; Mrs. W. H. Hawley, Pilot Point; Mrs. Douglas King, Greenville; Mrs. E. J. Evans, Jewett; Mrs. W. D. Love, Uvalde; Mrs. Will Trent, Goldthwaite. Food Sanitation—Mrs. R. P. Robbins, Cleburne, State Chairman; Mrs. H. C. Shropshire, Weatherford; Mrs. A. Frank Moffett, Cleburne; Mrs. Eugene O. McWhorter, Longview; Mrs. C. L. Myers, Temple; Mrs. H. D. Brown, San Antonio; Miss Minnie Cunningham, Columbus. Industrial and Social Conditions—Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. J. H. Strayer, Fort Worth; Mrs. Henry Collins, Dallas; Mrs. R. R. Rierison, Kemp; Mrs. J. M. Hale, Waco; Mrs. M. F. Armstrong, Mission; Mrs. E. S. Noble, Brady. Legislative—Mrs. W. E. Spell, Waco, State Chairman; Mrs. Marshall Spoonts, Fort Worth; Mrs. Y. D. Kemble, Waxahachie; Mrs. W. T. Spencer, Marshall; Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Brenham; Miss Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio; Mrs. J. E. Quaid, El Paso. Literature and Library Extension—Mrs. Maggie Barry, Sherman, State Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Carpenter, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Peters, Waxahachie; Mrs. Hal Peck, Corsicana; Mrs. George Willrich, La Grange; Miss Christie Steel, Cotulla; Mrs. G. B. Kelly, Cisco. Library Extension—Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Marshall, State Chairman; Mrs. W. G. Thomas, Mineral Wells; Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne; Mrs. J. B. Emmert, Paris; Mrs. E. A. Arnim, Flatonia; Mrs. C. B. Jones, Cotulla;

Mrs. A. B. Utterback, Ozona. Music—Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. Wade Walker, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Eugene Bullock, Dallas; Mrs. R. A. Sexton, Marshall; Mrs. A. Edgar Smith, Marlin; Mrs. A. L. Manchester, Georgetown; Mrs. Will Salter, San Angelo. Public Health—Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas, State Chairman; Mrs. Sterling Buster, Childress; Mrs. Alvin C. Owsley, Denton; Mrs. Will Cantrell, Greenville; Mrs. A. R. McDowell, Edna; Mrs. J. W. Nixon, Gonzales; Mrs. G. C. Robinson, Marfa.

The following Special Committees were appointed: Motion Picture Survey—Mrs. George K. Meyer, Dallas, State Chairman; Miss Ella Power, Archer City; Mrs. E. N. Bradshaw, Texarkana; Mrs. F. W. Vaughn, Houston; Mrs. Simon Cotulla, Cotulla; Mrs. Olga Kohlberg, El Paso. State Education and School Patrons—Mrs. C. W. Hutchinson, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. B. L. Jenkins, Clarendon; Mrs. B. H. Vaughn, Hillsboro; Mrs. Jessie McLendon, Mexia; Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, College Station; Mrs. W. F. Doughty, Austin; Miss Minnie Cunningham, Comanche. Credentials—Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Center, State Chairman; Mrs. F. A. Finch, Memphis; Mrs. A. G. McAdams, Dallas; Mrs. Ben F. Boydstun, Greenville; Mrs. E. M. Dotson, Waco; Mrs. J. C. George, Brownsville; Miss Ethel Hide-man, Llano. Rules and Regulations—Mrs. J. G. Waples, Fort Worth, State Chairman; Mrs. J. W. Longstreth, Plainview; Miss Maurine Hailey, Forney; Mrs. John D. Humphreys, Greenville; Miss Betty Ballinger, Galveston; Mrs. W. A. Gardner, Falfurrias; Mrs. Mat Gresham, Toyah. Resolutions—Mrs. W. A. Daniel, San Antonio, State Chairman; Mrs. J. U. Field, Haskell; Mrs. R. W. Lewin, Denison, Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall; Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Temple; Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Laredo; Miss Ella Scott Fisher, San Angelo.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors (as they were to be known henceforth) was held in the parlors of the Hotel Westbrook, in Fort Worth, February 23, 1916, Mrs. Fred Fleming, State President, pre-

siding. The president announced dates of Baby Week in Dallas, as March 4-11, and urged the support of the clubwomen. Much routine business was attended to. Mrs. Pennybacker was present, and told of the coming Biennial in New York. The meeting began at 10 a. m. and did not adjourn until after 6 p. m., with two hours at noon, at which time the Fort Worth clubwomen served an informal luncheon at the Westbrook Cafe.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Fifth District of the Texas Federation convened in Kingsville, on Thursday, April 6-8, 1916. The first day of the convention was almost wholly given to pleasure, for as soon as the guests arrived, they were driven in waiting automobiles over to Bishop, where a reception was held in their honor at the home of Mrs. L. B. Harden. Mrs. Pennybacker, General Federation President, and Mrs. Fleming, State President, were the guests of honor. Each visitor was presented with a long-stemmed rose and a rose souvenir program. Upon leaving the reception, the visitors were driven to the Texas-Mexican School, where the Woman's Club had prepared an appetizing lunch. The Mexican youths who are being trained at this school, sung the Mexican National hymn in Spanish and then America in English. Following this, the delegates were driven back to Kingsville for the formal opening of the convention at 2 p. m. Mrs. W. H. Wentland, Manor, presided. The Mothers' Club of Kingsville is the third largest in active membership in the state. The Woman's Club of Kingsville maintains a free library. Mrs. Jackson of Bryan spoke on the Smith-Lever Act. After adjournment, the delegates visited Santa Gertrudis Ranch, the beautiful home of Mrs. Henrietta King and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kleberg. President's Evening took place at 8:30 p. m., Mrs. John Finnegan, presiding. After music by Mrs. James Warden of Victoria, Mrs. Wentland delivered her President's address. Mrs. Pennybacker gave an informal talk on Pan-Americanism. Mrs. Fred Fleming, State President, Past Presidents Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Mrs. H.

D. Brown and Mrs. G. R. Scott, all addressed the delegates. Delightful music by the Harmony Club of Corpus Christi, Mrs. E. L. Caldwell and Miss Breeden of Cuero, interspersed the addresses. Dr. Stockton Axson, Rice Institute, Houston, and Miss Louise Whitney, Dubuque, Iowa, national speaker for Kindergartens, were two distinguished speakers. The district completed its pledges to the Endowment Fund, and sent large consignments of books to the soldiers along the border.

The Sixth District held its second meeting at Cisco, with Mrs. Leila Johnston, President, presiding, April 10-12, 1916. The two-minute club reports were full of enthusiasm over work accomplished along Federation lines. With few exceptions, clubs in this district showed more interest in civics and in rural affairs, than in other subjects. Clubs reported more tree-planting and Clean-up Days. Mrs. Fleming was their honored guest.

The Third District meeting for 1916 was held in Corsicana, April 24-26. Mrs. Will Anderson, President, presided. A majority of the clubs in this district make civics their first consideration, including pure food and sanitation. Many of the clubs reported "parliamentary drills" upon their programs, showing their desire to be apt in disposition of business. Marshall clubs insisted on better sanitation in their community. The Clover Club, Kaufman; Mothers' Club, Jacksonville; 1881 Club, Jefferson; First Literary Club, Tyler, all sold Red Cross seals for benefit of hospital work. "The City Federation of Texarkana reports a successful Baby Conference held in March; tooth brushes furnished school children; book marks, holding suggested mottoes for a clean city placed in books of the library." Clubs responded promptly to sending books for the soldiers. The hospitality of Corsicana was lavish, and the meeting much enjoyed by all.

Denton entertained the Second District, April 27-29, 1916. Mrs. R. H. Garrison, President, presided. The State President, Mrs. Fred Fleming, was present, and there was an exceptional attendance. This district has

an Executive Board composed of the district officers, two appointed members, and the member on each of the six State Business committees. Civics has taken the lead, with Civic Art as an able ally in the work of the clubs. The McKinney clubs organized the Collin County Federation with Mrs. J. L. Lovejoy as its president; in this county 15 rural clubs were formed. The XXI Club, Denison, formed three of these and then entertained them as their guests. Dallas Rural Welfare Association is doing fine work in establishing rest rooms. Gainesville is doing good Kindergarten work. The College of Industrial Arts announced for the benefit of the clubs, extension work along these lines: 1. Sending out reference books to those who have limited library facilities; 2. Sending out exhibits of prints and original works of art, also stereopticon slides illustrative of art; 3. Sending out lecturers on various subjects. The spirit of co-operation and desire to be helpful were very evident.

The First District met in Seymour, May 2-4, 1916, Mrs. W. R. Potter, Bowie, presiding. The State President inspired with her presence. Every club report showed that a Federation Day was held or a Federation topic was studied. Fort Worth and Quanah have established Home Economics Week. First District has three well-established County Federations, Lubbock, Hale and Armstrong. This district endorsed the State Highway Commission, and is aroused to the consideration of social and industrial problems. Managers of motion picture houses have promised educational pictures for the children, under club censorship. Fort Worth City Federation assisted in raising \$2000 for supervised play. Great interest was shown in civics, and a number of court houses and yards have entered for the Arthur Everts trophy cup. Miles of trees have been planted, seed distributed, and the \$50.00 prize for beautification contest held in Austin in February, 1916, was won by Mineral Wells.

The Fourth District met in Brenham, April 13-15,

1916. The delegates were met at trains, and at 4:30 p. m. on April 13, driven over the city, ending up at Germania Park for a garden party. At 8:30 p. m., President's Evening was observed in the Opera House, Mrs. John Hanway, Bryan, Vice-president, presiding. Mrs. Mary Hunt Affleck gave the invocation in verse, Mrs. H. B. Fall the response. Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan, Past President, took as the title of her speech *The First Meeting—Which Was Also the Fourth*. Mrs. C. M. Hughs, Past President, also spoke. Mrs. Fred Fleming made a terse talk, then followed the annual message of Miss Decca Lamar West, on the Ideal Woman. A chorus of 20 young girls, appropriately dressed in cotton dresses made of cloth woven from the local mills, with Miss Eunice Wilkins as soloist, sang *Made In the Lone Star State*. Other musical numbers were by Mrs. E. P. Anderson, Brenham; Mrs. Louise Lawson, Waco; Mrs. Joseph Wren, Waco. Miss Maude Brown was very artistic in an aesthetic dance. Mrs. Bolling Eldridge read the historical sketch of Brenham and Washington County. The talk of Mr. Klaener, State Librarian, on the County Free Library Law, on April 14, elicited much interest, as did the address of Prof. B. K. Coughlan of the Highway Engineering Department of the A. and M. College, as he discussed good roads. Much enthusiasm prevailed when the district completed its pro rata of the Endowment Fund, and amid great applause placed the names of Miss Mary Roper, Mrs. M. Hetty Curry and Mrs. C. M. Hughs on the Honor Roll. The peace poem of Mrs. E. T. Lessing, of Waco, won the medal. Bryan clubs reported interesting their merchants in the Girls' Home Economics Clubs, and holding a B-I-M-I-T Day. The Matagorda County Federation belongs to this district. Cameron was active in organizing rural clubs and a City Federation. Wharton Woman's Club assisted in organizing Girls' Home Economics Clubs and Boys' Corn Clubs. In her report, the President recalled that the first story

hour for children in Texas was inaugurated by the Press Club of Waco.

The largest Biennial in the history of the G. F. W. C. convened in New York, May 23-June 1, 1916, and Texas sent its largest delegation in loyalty to Mrs. Pennybacker, and to receive the inspiration of this wonderful meeting. Amendments passed at this Biennial, giving each state a director, brought Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston, back to Texas, bearing this official rank.

Though the clubs were disbanded for the summer, when the appeal came for literature to be sent to the troops on the Texas border, Mrs. Fleming addressed a letter to the clubs, and they did valiant service in response.

The Board of Directors met in Sherman on Monday, November 13, 1916, at 7:30 p. m., in the parlors of the Binkley Hotel, Mrs. Fred Fleming, President, presiding. 39 members were present. Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Vice-president-at-Large, presided while the President presented her report and recommendations, which concerned increased efficiency in method, save one—the Texas Federation shall concentrate its influence “upon the legislative session in behalf of Rural Libraries, Free Kindergartens and an appropriation for a Librarian’s Training School.”

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Texas Federation was held in Sherman, November 14-17, 1916, in the Methodist Church, opening Tuesday, November 14. After the invocation, by Dr. Porter, the Star-Spangled Banner was sung by the Wednesday Morning Choral Club of Sherman. Dr. T. A. Wharton, of First Presbyterian Church, welcomed the clubwomen in behalf of the schools and colleges of Sherman, extending an invitation to the delegates to visit each of them. Mrs. Maggie Barry greeted the visitors on behalf of the local clubwomen, and Mrs. O. L. Clarke, Galveston, made brilliant response. Mrs. J. C. Gawler, Denver, Colorado, chairman of the Department of Home Economics of the General Federation, brought greetings from that

body. Messages of felicitation were read from Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, president of the General Federation; from Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the White House, and from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edison; also from the Federations of North Dakota, Minnesota, Delaware and the American Women's Clubs of Montreal.

"At noon the delegates were tendered a dinner in the basement of Travis Street Methodist Church by the Federated Clubwomen of Sherman, and the members of the Executive Board were banqueted at the Davy Crocket School building in the South Fifth Ward of Sherman by the Mothers' Club of that building."

"During the afternoon session Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker was presented to the assembly by Mrs. Fleming. Mrs. Pennybacker has just returned from an inspection trip of all the military camps in South Texas, and what she had to say was very interesting. Among other things, she declared that the soldiers are well cared for, have clean, comfortable quarters and are fed a regulation ration that is good for them. However, the boys, she said, are more or less homesick and she urged that parents and friends should write the boys often and send them occasional tokens of remembrance. Mrs. Pennybacker's address was liked so well that she was requested to speak again at night along the same lines." (Houston Post, 1916.)

The following clubs, having been properly recommended, were unanimously elected to membership: First District—Belleveu Woman's Club, Belleveu; Woman's Book Club, Canyon City; Woman's Study Club, Goree; Home Economics, Kirkland; Rural Club, Margaret; Civic League, Matador; City Federation, Mineral Wells; Hale County Federation, Plainview; Woman's Thursday Club, Roaring Springs; Culture Club, Throckmorton; Standard Club, Wichita Falls. Second District—Clio Club, Alvarado; Training School Civic League, Cleburne; Alumnae of Dallas, Dallas; Art Club, Denton; Sketch Club of North Texas Normal School, Denton; Women's Wednesday Club, Forney; Civic League,

Maypearl; Collin County Federation, McKinney; Foote Home Economics Club, McKinney; The Blue Bonnet Club, Richardson; J. N. G. Club, Sherman; Lucy Kidd-Key Music Club, Sherman; XX Century Club, Venus. Third District—Woman's Civic League, Alto; Civic Club, Corsicana; Woman's Civic and Culture Club, Edgewood; City Federation, Greenville; Woman's Review Club, Greenville; Kidd-Key Shakespeare Club, Groesbeck; Pioneer Literary Club, Kerens; Self-Culture Club, Kosse; Historical-Literary Club, Lufkin; Thimble Club, Quitman; Forget-Me-Nots, Texarkana. Fourth District—Matagorda County Federation, Blessing; City Federation, Cameron; Mothers Club, Francitas; Tuesday Club, Hubbard; Home and Town Improvement Club, Montgomery; Mothers-Teachers Association, Texas City. Fifth District—Harmony Club, Bastrop; Mothers Club, Bastrop; City Federation, Brownsville; Business Women's Club, Corpus Christi; Civic Club, Edinburg; Reading Club, Falfurrias. Sixth District—Wednesday Club, Baird; Civic League, Ballinger; City Club, Big Spring; Thursday Afternoon Club, Eastland; City Club, El Paso; Art and Civic Club, Goldthwaite; '99 Club, Midland; Self Culture Club, Sweetwater. The Club Extension banner was awarded the Second District for the greatest number of new clubs admitted. Thirteen City Federations reported their activities.

President's Evening was held on Tuesday, November 14, at 8 p. m. Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Vice-president-at-Large, presiding. Mrs. Fleming's message brought out the fact there were 154 teacherages already in the state. Organ solo, Mr. George E. Case, Sherman; contralto solo, "On the Shore," "Yesterday and Today," Miss Cameron Boone, Greenville. President's message, Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas. Greetings from Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston. Greetings from past presidents, Mrs. J. C. Terrell and Mrs. S. J. Wright. Soprano solo "Es Blinkt Der Thau" (Rubinstein), "flower song" from Faust (Gounod), Miss Jennie Hill Barry, Sher-

man. "The Record of Four Years," Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin. "The Personnel of the Biennial," Mrs. Henry B. Fall, Houston. Message from Mrs. Joseph C. Gawler, chairman Home Economics G. F. W. C., Denver, Col. Piano (a) Nocturne, Op. 27, No. 2 (Chopin), (b) Scherzo in F major (D'Albert), Miss Dorothy Achenbach, Dallas. The above program was enjoyed by a very large audience.

Wednesday, the convention listened to the messages brought by two distinguished men: Prof. J. H. Foster, State Forester, from the A. and M. College, on Our Shade Trees and Their Common Enemy, and Mr. Charles Saville of Dallas, on Why Texas Women Should Know Their City. "There followed the awarding of the Everts Cup. This silver cup was presented to the Civics Committee by Mr. Arthur Everts of Dallas and was delivered into the custody of Quanah for one year, as a reward for the best kept court house and grounds. Corpus Christi, Snyder, Crowell and Cleburne received honorable mention. Miss Laurence of the State University spoke on 'Arsatz,' a coined German word meaning substitutes." Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Wm. Bacon, Chairman, Board of Managers, spoke on the Problem of the Feeble-Minded. "Biennial Impressions were invited and responded to by the following: Mrs. Fall, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. O. L. Clarke, Miss Gearing, Mrs. Connery, Mrs. Spell, Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Scott of Austin, Mrs. Wright of Fort Worth, Mrs. Gardner, Miss Finch, Miss West, Mrs. Dibrell, Mrs. Waples, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Bewley, Mrs. Floore, Mrs. Scott of Corpus Christi, Miss Friend, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Averill, and Mrs. Fleming. To all of these Mrs. Pennybacker replied." The noon luncheon, Wednesday, was served by the Girls' Canning Club. Dr. Shurter of the Inter-Scholastic League invited the Federation to provide judges for the Girls' Senior Declamation Contest, and the president was empowered by vote to do so.

Thursday morning, November 16, the subjects of

Rural Life, Good Roads, Education, were considered. The report of Mrs. March Culmore, Houston, brought out the fact that "Texas is the connecting link in two Trans-Continental Highways. The Southern National Highway from Washington to San Diego via Richmond, Nashville, Memphis, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso and Yuma. The Old Spanish Trail from Florida to San Diego via Mobile, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, and Yuma. Texas should make these highways connecting other states so attractive that tourists will gladly linger here to enjoy the rich scenery, healthful and delightful climate." The Importance of Good Roads was the topic of Prof. Morrison of the A. and M. College. The report of Miss Mamie E. Gearing, chairman Education Committee, was highly instructive. The Committee had planned its work along these lines: 1. Compulsory School Attendance; to have a local chairman appointed in every independent school district in Texas, by the District Chairman, this local chairman to visit the school superintendent and offer assistance in the enforcement of the law; to have a committee of clubwomen visit the local school board, and county school trustees, to pledge them their co-operation in enforcing the law; that the Federation committee confer with the proper authorities in regard to the appointment of attendance officer to enforce the law. 2. Rural Schools. The \$1,000,000 rural school fund created by Gov. Ferguson will materially assist improvement of the rural schools, which need better buildings, better trained teachers, a course of study more adapted to the needs of the child. Clubwomen are urged to make a study of the school laws of Texas; to make a survey of their own county schools; name and location, name and address of some of the mothers; to adopt one of the county schools, and contribute something to their improvement. 3. A Literacy Campaign. To hunt up the foreigners in the community, who are hampered by their ignorance of the American language; co-operate with the city and school authorities in giving

them a chance to learn. The Federation now holds 53 scholarships in some of the best schools in the state. "Miss Gearing then introduced Dr. J. L. Henderson of the State University. He addressed the Convention on The Club Women and Our State's School System and demonstrated the close relationship of the two. State Superintendent Doughty spoke on Kindergarten Legislation. He outlined the draft of his bill modeled after the California one and gave definite advice for securing its passage. Mr. E. D. Criddle of the North Texas Normal School, spoke upon the Normal Schools of the State, clearly proving the prominent place that should be theirs in the educational world. Mrs. Philpott, State Secretary of the Woman's Bankers Association, spoke for thrift as assisted by the School Savings Bank System and solicited for her organization the co-operation of the Texas Federation." Library Extension was considered on Thursday afternoon, November 16, 1916, when the County Free Library Law, and a Training School for librarians occupied the program. (Later, the bill became a law, Gov. Ferguson signing the same, March 10, 1917.) The prize year-books were announced as those of the Pierian Club, Amarillo; Shakespeare Followers, Dallas; The Fortnightly Club, Brenham; Woman's Monday Club, Corpus Christi; The Twentieth Century Club, Cisco. Dr. Wanamaker of the Southern Methodist University, Dallas, spoke on The Centrifugal Method of Literary Study. "He recommended to all study clubs the advisability of choosing one recognized author around whom all their research should revolve. Pertinent questions and helpful answers followed." Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris, announced the first volume of her historical research, on the market, San Antonio De Bexar; a second, Texas, Historical, Traditional, Legendary will shortly appear. Mrs. W. A. Warner of Claude presented her report. She announced 11 County Federations organized, and solicited the co-operation of the State Federation. At the close of Thursday afternoon's session, the delegates enjoyed a physical culture

demonstration in the Y. M. C. A. Building, by the classes of Miss Anne Weaver Jones, director. A large audience enjoyed the following beautiful program prepared by Mrs. J. F. Lyons, for Fine Arts Evening, Thursday, at 8 p. m.: Report of State Chairman of Music, Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Fort Worth; Organ Solo, Professor George Case, Sherman; Piano numbers were given by Miss Helen Norfleet, Denton, Mrs. Virginia Ryan, Waco, Carl Beutel, Fort Worth; Vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Ethel Rader, Soprano, Miss Myrtle Powel, Mezzo-Soprano, Kidd-Key Conservatory, Mr. Sam S. Losh, Baritone, Fort Worth, Mr. Harold Kellogg, Bass-Baritone, Dallas; Suite for two Violins and Piano; Violins—Mr. W. J. Fried, Mrs. W. J. Fried, Dallas; Piano—Mrs. Harriet Bacon MacDonald, Dallas, Reading, Mrs. Hunter Gardner, Fort Worth, "An Afternoon in the Roman Campagna" (Luigi Forini), Kidd-Key Choral Society, Sherman, Louis Versel, Conductor, Miss Ethel Rader, Soprano, Miss Jennie Hill Barry, Mezzo-Soprano and Miss Colonel Slawson, Mezzo-Soprano, Miss Dorothy Achenbach, Pianist, Miss Mildred Dickerman, Organist.

Friday morning, Mrs. Chas. Reimers, chairman of Made-in-U. S. A. Committee, announced that the patronage of American-made goods had been so general, their educational campaign seemed to be completed, therefore she recommended the discharge of the committee. Mrs. Hunter Gardner gave a reading Mandy on Fashion. Our Girls' Session followed, conducted by Miss Ruth Finch. Speakers from each district told of the Girls' Clubs and their activities, and Miss Esther Logan from the C. I. A. reported for the clubs of Kidd-Key College, North Texas Normal, and the College of Industrial Arts.

In memory of the late Mrs. W. A. Callaway (Pauline Periwinkle), Mrs. J. J. Hardin offered a resolution that the Texas Federation set aside one day to be known as Periwinkle Day, when everyone shall be asked to plant periwinkles (vinca). President was

requested to appoint a committee to attend to the arrangements. Mrs. Sims brought up the question of announcing candidates for office in the Federation and presented a motion that the Federation abide strictly by the spirit of the resolution adopted at Houston (1905), stating no name shall be presented officially or unofficially before a fixed date. Amended by Mrs. Pennybacker, that the date for announcing all candidates, except District President, be placed at a time not earlier than 90 days after adjournment of the Convention on the even years. Adopted, as amended. A eulogy of Mrs. W. A. Callaway was pronounced by Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Marshall, and a tribute to Mrs. Lucy Kidd-Key was paid by Mrs. Tom Finty, Jr., Dallas. After singing *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, the Convention adjourned.

The Federation pledged itself to the following courses of action, in resolutions adopted at this time: to center its efforts on a limited Kindergarten bill, to be framed by W. P. Doughty, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Mrs. W. E. Spell, chairman of Legislative Committee; to encourage B-I-M-I-T movement; to co-operate with the Texas Flower and Arboretum Society in encouraging the growth of our native flora; to express its regret that there is no woman inspector within our State Pure Food Department; to change date of open season for doves from September 1 to December 1; to endorse the principle of professional training for teachers in the standardized high schools, academies and junior colleges, under proper regulations, and that teachers' certificates be given to graduates from said institutions, complying with regulations; to endorse the scholarship in the Texas School of Journalism, now being raised by the Texas Woman's Press Association, and that a dollar be requested either from the club or a member toward that fund; to endorse movement for a West Texas A. and M. College; to endorse the resolution passed by the First District in Seymour last May, favoring the setting aside by the

federal government of Palo Duro Canyon as a National Park. The social courtesies at this Sherman Convention were most delightful. The elaborate luncheons, beautiful receptions, delightful teas, enjoyable drives and splendid musicales, will always be cherished by each fortunate attendant.

The Board of Directors of the Texas Federation met in regular session in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers Building at Dallas, February 19, 1917, with Mrs. Fleming, President, in the chair. One recommendation of the President was to urge clubs to study the Vocational Education bill known as the Smith-Hughes Vocational bill—No. 703. Regarding status of music clubs, Miss Decca Lamar West introduced a motion which was adopted that "in accordance with Art. III of the Constitution, any club shall be admitted whether or not they belong the Music Federation; further, that the Music Club be urged to pay regular District dues and send delegates to the District meetings, believing this to be for the best musical interest of the State at present." Mr. Barrow of the Texas Industrial College spoke on Home Gardens. The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, Mrs. J. C. Terrell, chairman, was considered. The principal revisions were: Executive Board was changed to Board of Directors, composed of officers, chairmen of Standing Committees, State Secretary to General Federation, General Federation State Director; Standing Committees to have charge of the Departments of Work; State Secretary to be appointed by the president and Executive Committee; the Endowment Committee to consist of five members, President and Treasurer Ex-officio, and to have charge of the Endowment Fund; the General Federation State Director, and State Secretary to the General Federation, to have charge of General Federation affairs in the state. At the afternoon session, Mrs. Pennybacker told the pleasing news that Gov. Ferguson had appointed Mrs. H. B. Fall, a member of the Board of Regents of the Girls'

Industrial Training School at Gainesville, and Mrs. G. R. Scott, a member of the Board of the State Library and Historical Association. An important resolution was introduced, asking fullest publicity in regard to the State University and its faculty, that the full truth may be known concerning it. The resolution asks the legislature to take such action as shall remove, for all time, from the realm of politics, the University and all eleemosynary institutions. A motion was carried that the Board adopt the third week in May to be known as "Periwinkle Week," in memory of Mrs. Callaway, the writer. It was suggested that the pecan trees which are usually planted at the district meetings, be planted earlier, and the ceremonies, only, take place at district meetings.

Came that fateful day in April, 1917! For long months, with a patience unparalleled, our country had tried to avoid asking this sacrifice of its people. But continued atrocities, added to multiplied insults, aroused the crusader spirit of the American people. They might forgive the insults to themselves, but not the inhumanity to others, and so the call rang out, "This war must cease. Make the world safe for democracy!" So the people began to take stock of their resources—slowly, it seemed, at first, but each day more surely. The clubs held their district meetings during this month, undisturbed by the note of war, as contemporary accounts show.

Temple prepared to entertain the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Fourth District, in an "auld lang syne" way, on April 19-21, 1917, for was it not just 16 years ago, that the infant District meeting was born in Temple—the very first such meeting in the state? And this beautiful child had grown to "sweet sixteen" without once returning to her birth-place! So they invited the clubwomen who had been present on that previous occasion to come and tell what the years had wrought! And they came—those dear clubwomen—and were entertained royally! A scholarship in the College of In-

dustrial Arts was awarded to Miss Isobel Vaughn. An important resolution was one to President Wilson, pledging co-operation in the Conservation movement, which had just been inaugurated. A courteous reply was received. The clubs had been extremely active in Red Cross relief work for others. Now, the demand had come to work for their own, also—for the United States was in the war. Recognizing all demands made upon their patriotism, the clubwomen were cheerfully meeting them. They had co-operated with the Council of National Defense, the Food Conservation Committee, in distributing pledge cards, rolled bandages and knitted. Miss Decca Lamar West, Waco, President, presided. Mrs. Sims, Bryan, Mrs. Pennybacker, Mrs. Terrell and Mrs. Fleming, State President, made inspiring addresses. By special invitation the delegates went to Belton on the Temple-Belton interurban to Baylor College, where they were royally welcomed by Dr. J. C. Hardy and wife and the students. The delegates enjoyed two beautiful receptions while in Temple, one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. McKelvey, and the other with Mr. and Mrs. James Woodson.

The Second District held its Fifteenth Annual Convention in Cleburne, April 23-25, 1917. Much interest was awakened by the Civics Committee in town surveys, 12 towns having made these surveys. Junior Civic Leagues have been organized. Good roads have been agitated; Rural Welfare work has brought rest-rooms, with space devoted to Girls' Canning Clubs. The Second District's prize of \$25.00 for the Declamation Contest was won by Miss Edith Schneider, of San Antonio. The scholarship in the College of Industrial Arts was given to Miss Cecilia Tomkins of Denton County.

The Fifth District met in Yoakum for its Sixteenth Annual Convention, April 26-28, 1917. Mrs. W. H. Wentland, Manor, President, was in the chair. After an invocation, and the singing of America by the audience, the Hon. J. W. Cook, City Commissioner, wel-

comed the visitors on behalf of the city. Mrs. W. D. Arnold extended greetings from the clubs, followed by Miss Martha Baldwin of the Girls' Self-Culture Club. Mrs. J. W. Brown, Beeville, gave the response. At noon, the delegates were the guests of the Yoakum Literary Club at lunch, which was served in the hall by the Girls' Culture Club and the local Boy Scouts. At 2 p. m. Mrs. Pennybacker and Mrs. Fleming arrived and were cordially greeted. Rev. Gaston Hartsfield opened the afternoon session with prayer, after which reports of district chairmen were heard, and the song, *Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean*, was sung. Our Rural Work was discussed by Mrs. J. L. Landrum in an instructive way, as she told what the Canning Clubs were doing in preserving the food, followed by these topics: Pan-Americanism, by Mrs. J. C. Griswold, Dallas; Library Extension, Mr. John Goodwin, Librarian State University. An address from Mrs. R. H. Hoffman of the State Pure Food Department was listened to very attentively. President's Evening was held in the High School Auditorium, with Mrs. G. R. Scott in the chair. Mrs. Pennybacker, Mrs. Fleming, and Mrs. Wentland gave brilliant addresses. Mrs. Wentland spoke of the energy of the Legislative Committee. More laws affecting women and children were passed than in any previous year. Among the most important were the county free library law, the kindergarten, the highway bills. Mrs. Fleming told of the Council Meeting recently held at New Orleans, April 10-12, and the pledges made there for food conservation—"I will live simply. I will begin now," was the pledge there taken by many. On Friday, Miss Marin Fenwick, San Antonio, gave a delightfully original address on *The Value of Good Citizenship*. Club reports showed activity in bettering rural conditions. This convention endorsed the Mothers' Pension bill; endorsed the law making the teaching of Texas History compulsory in schools; sent resolutions to President Wilson pledging co-operation in every way. Yoakum's hospitality was unbounded. Auto drives,

luncheons and dinners were arranged for their distinguished guests by the citizens, and the delegates thoroughly enjoyed these pleasures.

The Third Annual Convention of the Sixth District was held in Sweetwater, April 30, May 1, 2, with Mrs. Leila Johnston, President, presiding. The clubs gave to the Endowment Fund. Goldthwaite clubs reported a new \$1,000,000 driveway lately completed; San Angelo's Civic League operated a lunch-room for business women. Almost every club in the district is interested in civics. Promises have been obtained from managers of motion picture houses to put on educational films for the children. The clubs have done war-work in its various branches.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the First District, was held in Clarendon, May 3-5, 1917, with Mrs. W. R. Potter, Bowie, President, presiding. Home Economics occupied a large place in the work of the First District. Quanah, Wichita Falls and Clarendon reported having an Economics Week. The women of the First District entered gladly into Mr. Hoover's plans of conservation. Several clubs have given Municipal Christmas trees. Mrs. Pennybacker was present at the District Meeting and addressed the delegates on the Conservation of Food. Mrs. Fleming's text was "Know your town." Wichita Falls has had a town survey made.

The Board of Directors of the Federation met in the K. of P. Hall, in Waco, at 10 a. m., November 12, 1917. Mrs. Curry was called to the chair, while the President gave her report, and recommendations on rural life and girls' welfare, which were unanimously adopted.

On Monday evening, in the K. of P. hall, Mrs. Pennybacker presided over the Council of Presidents. An overflowing audience was present, for it was known that in this session open and free discussion would be indulged in, upon present day problems. It was a friendly conference of not only presidents, but any clubwomen who desired could speak to the questions

presented. One topic was whether clubs should continue their literary and recreation features during war-time. Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, Los Angeles, General Federation President, said club study must not be given up, for its need was always evident; she urged the clubwomen to get the latest news in the best magazines obtainable. "It would be a great mistake to give up study, keeping in mind that we must not lose sight of our normality, despite the war, as has been suggested by President Wilson," said Mrs. Cowles. "Mrs. Pennybacker said she would not have faith in the outcome of the war if she permitted herself to only look on the depressing side of the great struggle. The second question debated was, Has the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, as an Organization, Done Its Proper Share of War Work? After the discussion on this subject had ended a vote was taken. It was overwhelmingly in the negative. 'The time has come for the Federation to take the flag to the firing line,' said Mrs. Pennybacker. 'There is a great need somewhere that God intends us to supply.' The state president, Mrs. Fleming, contended that the Federation had been at work and that a cheerful response had been made to the government's every call. 'But we still have a field to be covered before we shall be recognized as an organization,' said Mrs. Fleming. 'If the Federation is so great, why do we not originate and initiate some great movement?' asked Mrs. Pennybacker. 'We should not be satisfied merely with co-operating. This is the first time in the history of the Federation that a grave, dire crisis has arisen.' " The fact was brought out that the clubs all suspend during the summer months, hence this State Convention was the first opportunity the organization had had as a body of establishing its war service. The President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs had spoken for the two million clubwomen when she placed the services of the Federation at the disposal of the government. With patriotic ardor, a resolution was adopted that the president of

the Texas Federation appoint a committee who should correlate the work of the Texas Federation with war service.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs met in the ball-room of the Hotel Raleigh, at 10 a. m., November 13, 1917, on the very spot of ground where, 20 years ago, the organization was formed. Mrs. Fred Fleming, President, called the body to order and Rev. Calvin delivered the invocation. Star-Spangled Banner was sung by the audience, led by the Women's Clubs of Waco, Mrs. J. W. Carroll, director. Mayor John Dollins extended a welcome for the city and Miss Friend for the Women's Clubs of Waco, to the State Federation. Miss Friend presented Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the guest of honor, with a jeweled Texas Federation pin, and a special badge. Mrs. Cowles received the gifts with gracious words of appreciation. "Mrs. Edward Rotan, loved and loving mother of our organization, brought greetings from the Pioneer Workers, and as she arose, faced an audience standing in reverential silence. At the close of this talk, Mrs. Fleming, President, had the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Griffith, read the list of the organizers of the Federation and the names of the delegates attending that memorable first meeting held in Waco in 1897; also the names of those comprising the Executive Board at that time. Mrs. Rotan was the organizer and first President." After a musical number, Mrs. O. L. Clarke responded to the welcomes in her own happy style. Upon motion of Mrs. H. B. Fall, loving greetings were sent the three charter members who were absent, Mrs. T. J. Wiley, Tyler, Mrs. Kate Scurry Terrell, Dallas, and Mrs. J. J. Arthur, Kingsville.

The following clubs, properly recommended, were unanimously admitted to membership: First District—Athenaeum Club, Amarillo; Travel Study Club, Amarillo; Schubert Choral Club, Bowie; Woman's Study

Club, Bridgeport; Civic Club, Dalhart; Las Amigas Club, Farwell; Parent-Teachers Association, Jayton; Culture Club, Jermyn; Athenaeum Club, Lamesa; Fort-nightly Club, Snyder. Second District—Civic Club, Aubrey; Civic Club, Hillsboro; Tuesday Club, Milford. Third District—Wednesday Study Club, Canton; Woman's Department Club, Cooleage; Parent-Teachers Association, Mount Pleasant; Stoddard Study Club, Sulphur Springs; Tanti Club, Sulphur Springs; Columbia Club, Teague; Thursday Club, Teague; Woman's Department Club, Tehuacana; Civic Club, Thornton; Limestone County Federation. Fourth District—Irving Club, Galveston; Art League, Houston; Axson Club, Houston; Texas Woman's Fair Association, Houston; Culture Club, Hubbard; Thursday Reading Club, Rockdale; City Federation, Temple. Fifth District—Bee County Federation, Beeville; Woman's Club, Lockhart; Woman's Club, Pleasanton; Dramatic Club, San Antonio; Civic Club, Uvalde; Self Culture Club, Westhoff; Park Place Mothers' Club, Yoakum; Self Culture Club, Yoakum; West Side Club, Yoakum. Sixth District—Wednesday Club, Abilene; Mutual Improvement Club, Coleman; Woman's Club, Sonora; City Federation, Stephenville; West Side Civic Club, Stephenville.

Calling Mrs. Curry to the chair, the president presented her recommendations: "In order that we may better serve our State in care and protection of young girls, that a sub-committee under the department of Industrial and Social Conditions, be created and known as the Girls' Welfare Committee." "Greetings from President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Dimes T. S. Denison, Mrs. S. J. Wright, Dr. W. H. Bruce were read. Mrs. E. E. Fitzhugh, First Vice-president of the City Federation of Waco, was introduced by Miss Friend as Convention Hall Hostess." Tuesday afternoon, Governor Sleeper of Michigan, accompanied by Mr. J. M. Penland, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was escorted to the platform and introduced by Mrs. Fleming. Governor Sleeper

told of the patriotic work the Michigan women were doing in preparing comforts for the soldiers, and in bearing their share of war burdens. Mrs. R. P. Robbins reported on Food Sanitation, with the recommendation, which was adopted, that "the women of the Federation use every effort to have Food sanitation taught in all the Domestic Science Departments in the public schools of Texas." Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston, as Texas Director of the General Federation, spoke of her attendance officially at the New York Biennial, and the New Orleans Council, listening for the message of the hour, that she might carry it to the clubwomen—the message of love, of self-sacrifice, of devotion to the highest ideals. Mrs. J. C. Terrell arrived at this juncture, and was escorted to the platform, while the audience stood in token of loving welcome to "Our General." The Chair then introduced Mrs. Cowles, President of the General Federation, whose address was full of calls to the fields of endeavor for women brought about by the exigencies of the times. Mrs. Cowles particularly stressed the work of the Women's Council of Defense, the American Library Association and Parks and Recreation Work as three great factors in the social, moral and intellectual development, in which women are most interested. Major Alton F. Briggs, U. S. A., aide on the staff of General Haan, spoke on The American Woman's Opportunity to Help France. He portrayed in vivid language conditions in the devastated regions of France, and said the women could join in the American Fund for French Wounded, whose aim is to remake the lives and rebuild the homes of this stricken people. Lieutenant Colonel Gilbert E. Seaman, Camp MacArthur, chose to consider as the theme of his talk the way in which women may best help in the promotion of civilian and military hygiene." Mr. Gus W. Thomaston, Secretary-Manager of the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas Association, gave a brief talk on this work and announced the second week in May had been set aside for this purpose.

Tuesday evening, November 13, was President's Evening, when Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Vice-president-at-Large, presiding, in Carroll Chapel, Baylor University, was rendered the following program: Piano solo, Concerto in A Minor (Grieg), Mrs. J. W. Carroll, Waco; Soprano solo, Aria from Aida (Verdi), Miss Ethel Rader, Kidd-Key Conservatory, Sherman; Organ solo, Prelude and Fugue on Luther's Hymn, A Mighty Fortress (Arranged by Rudolph Hoffman), Prof. Rudolph Hoffman, Baylor University; Contralto solo, (a) The Last Hour (Kramer), (b) Autumnal Gale (Grieg), Mrs. J. Roscoe Golden, Dallas, Accompanist, Mrs. A. B. Griffith, Dallas; America, Entire Audience. After the first musical number, the past presidents were introduced, and each gave a brief message; those present were Mrs. Rotan, Waco; Mrs. Terrell, Marshall; Mrs. Pennybacker, Austin; Mrs. Turner, Dallas—who paid a beautiful tribute to the absent ones—Mrs. Dibrell, Seguin, Mrs. Fall, Houston, and Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas. Those absent were Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler; Mrs. S. J. Wright, Paris; Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, San Antonio. Mrs. Fleming delivered her president's message, and reviewed the work of the State Federation. She told how they had worked for better educational advantages; she told her hearers that they must pledge their hearts to the Council of National Defense. Following her address, a beautiful silver vase was presented Mrs. Fleming from the Board of Directors of the State Federation. Mrs. Fleming told the givers that she had been presented with just exactly what she had been wishing for. Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of California, President G. F. W. C., in giving her message, said she spoke not alone as a member of the General Federation but as a member of the Council of National Defense, and urged her hearers to fulfill their patriotic ideals. Mrs. Pennybacker's message was on the Problem of the Girl. At the close of the program, the ladies of the Federation were driven at once to the Cotton

Palace, where they were guests at the artistic American Beauty Rose Debutantes Ball.

In Wednesday morning's session, Mrs. Florence C. Floore, chairman, gave a magnificent report of the work of the Civics Department, "embodying the proper ideals of American citizenship, and appealed to the women to see that these ideals were realized; that community service is as necessary to the happiness and prosperity of a nation as military service." She closed with these words, "let us see to it that Texas is safe for democracy, and that her democracy is safe for our children." She then announced that Corpus Christi Court-house had won the Everts cup for the best kept building and grounds. Mrs. G. R. Scott was called upon and showed a picture of this beautiful Court-house. Another prize for next year was to be a gavel of Texas wood to the district showing most civic surveys. Dr. and Mrs. Vinson of the State University came in, and were escorted with ceremony to the platform. Dr. Vinson was received with great applause, testifying to the women's admiration for his course in regard to the University. His appearance, just as Mrs. Fred Robinson, Waco, was to give her report on Civil Service Reform was an apt coincidence, for Mrs. Robinson stressed the need of separating government machinery from politics. Mrs. C. H. Newby told the body that, at the Council Meeting in New Orleans, the General Federation Chairman of Civil Service paid Mrs. Robinson a very high compliment on her reports. After music by Mrs. A. P. Baldwin, Tyler, Mrs. Barry stated that the report of the special committee to submit ways and means for correlating the work of the Federation with war service would be given at 3:30 o'clock that afternoon, and urged that all be present to act upon said report. Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth, gave an excellent report on Industrial and Social Conditions, showing several ways in which this committee was assisting in caring for problems brought about by the war. Mrs. O. L. Clarke, Chairman of the Made-in-U. S. Committee,

recommended that this committee be discontinued as having served its purpose, for today, the United States having entered the war, its citizens were encouraging all home industry. As Mrs. Cowles, General President, was scheduled to take a train at noon, Dr. R. E. Vinson was asked to address the Federation at this time, on The Relation of the State University to the Public School System of Texas. Dr. Vinson struck the keynote in his first words: "My subject is wrongly stated. There could not possibly be a question of the relation of the university to the public school system, for the university is a part of the public school system." Mrs. Fleming then gave Mrs. Cowles opportunity to bid the clubwomen goodbye, as she was leaving to visit the Mississippi State Federation, then in session. Mrs. Cowles thanked the clubwomen in a few touching words, whereupon the assembly rose, and spontaneously began singing, God Be With You Till We Meet Again. Miss Annie Webb Blanton, President Texas State Teachers' Association, then arose to address the body, when Mrs. Pennybacker stopped her for a minute to say that "this was the first time in the history of the organization that a woman had been elected to fill this office, and this fact, together with Miss Blanton being one of our most valued clubwomen, brought forth much applause. Miss Blanton chose as her subject, Women on School Boards, and disclosed the fact that women are eligible to election to School Boards in all but six States in the Union and of these six, five are Southern States. Of our institutions of higher learning in Texas, the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, is the only one to have women on the governing board." Dr. Shurter, Extension Department of the State University, gave topic for this year's declamation contests, as What Have I Done to Help Win the War? He asked for co-operation along the lines of food conservation, school savings banks, Red Cross work, and encouragement of these contests. With 3000 schools, approximating 150,000 children writing and thinking on these subjects,

one realizes the importance of the work. The Kindergarten Committee had distributed 800 copies of the new kindergarten law, signed by Gov. Ferguson, March 29, 1917, at the district meetings, with the result that many new kindergartens had been established with the opening of the school term.

Wednesday afternoon's session was a momentous one. In the crisis of events, the Texas Federation must justify its existence. All the delegates were present and many visitors. Mrs. Chalmers W. Hutchinson, Chairman of Special Committee on State Education and School Patrons, made the following recommendations, which were adopted: to keep the children in school, resisting every effort to exploit child labor; to seek the co-operation of the State Teachers Association; to work for laws making women eligible to Boards of all schools, supported wholly or partly by the state. Mrs. J. L. Landrum told of the great work done by the Girls' Canning Clubs in Texas, which showed they were not only conserving food, but engaged in relief and Red Cross work as well. B. B. Cobb, Superintendent of the Waco Schools, explained his method of establishing school savings banks among the pupils. Mrs. Philip N. Moore, of the Women's Council of National Defense, was absent, because of Government plans. Judge O. E. Dunlap, Chairman Texas State Council of Defense, explained the reason for that body. "Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, Chairman Special Committee to submit ways and means for correlating the work of the Federation with war work, presented a plan which had culminated in the careful minds and prayerful hearts of the women of that committee, one that would call for the establishment in the Federation of a War Work Council." Two general lines of service were outlined: 1. To look after the comfort and welfare of the soldiers in service from individual counties and communities; 2. To carry out within the state of Texas, army service plans formulated by the great National Committees, such as the Council of Na-

tional Defense, the Food Administration, and others, as necessary to the physical and moral welfare of the enlisted men of Texas. The method of accomplishing these results would be: 1. A War Work Council, with a State Chairman, two Vice-chairmen, and a membership composed of the President and officers of the Texas Federation, and the Chairmen of Departments of Work of the T. F. W. C. There shall also be an Executive Committee within the Council, composed of the State Chairman, two Vice-chairmen, President and Vice-president of the T. F. W. C. "2. In each district there should be a War Work Council, with a General Chairman, two Vice-chairmen, and the President and Vice-president of the District. 3. In each Club community there should be a War Work Council with a General Chairman and membership composed of the President of each Club in the community or County.

* * * The State Chairman of the War Work Council and the two Vice-chairmen should be appointed at once by the President of the State Federation. Similar Chairmen in the Districts should be appointed by the District Presidents. Local Committee Chairmen should be selected in whatever manner the individual Clubs of the community may deem best, except in the cities of Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Waco and El Paso. These cities, located in close proximity to the cantonments, the local General Chairman should be appointed by the Executive Committee of the War Work Council in consultation with the Presidents of the local Clubs. This Committee would suggest as the time is urgent that the correlation of the existing departments of work with the two General Committees herein suggested and the methods of financing these committees be left to the War Work Council. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Mrs. C. W. Connery, Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, Chairman." At the conclusion of the report, many women heartily endorsed it. Mrs. Barry reminded the women that if it was adopted, every woman, when she left the Convention Hall, did so as an

enlisted soldier in the Federation Army. The motion to adopt was carried unanimously by a rising vote. The assembly was addressed by Mr. Alfred Fairbanks of the Red Cross, and Mr. F. P. Clayton, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, on Economic Thrift.

Thursday morning, November 15, Mrs. J. Elmer Butler, Chairman Club Extension Committee, reported a total of six County Federations now in the State Federation. First District was awarded the banner for bringing in the greatest number of new clubs. Mrs. L. J. Lovejoy, McKinney, Chairman Badges and Printing Committee, recommended that the Federation purchase their pins at wholesale and retail them to the clubwomen. Adopted. "Mrs. W. A. Warner, Chairman Rural Life Committee, reported thirty counties organized in the First District for food conservation, and told of the Hale County Federation motto, 'We save to win.' A complete County Fair with women directors was organized in the Third District, a feature of the fair being a Pig and Peanut Festival, and Mrs. Warner stated that when King Cotton was dethroned and Queen Peanut was enthroned a longer school term would be possible. In the Fourth District, Mrs. Landrum's work with the girls was of special interest, while in the Fifth District in El Paso a 'Made in Our County' Exhibit was an unusually good example of community co-operation. Mrs. Warner recommended that the County be the field for service in all organized effort, which recommendation together with report was adopted." Among the women attending the convention were Mrs. J. S. Allison, Mrs. W. J. Wilkerson and Mrs. J. A. Cope, from Sonora, who had traveled 75 miles by auto to reach a train for Waco. The President requested these ladies to come to the platform for recognition of such loyalty to Federation principles. The house greeted them standing. Mrs. Fleming then named as the War Work Council, Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston, General Chairman; Mrs. Florence C. Floore, Cleburne, First Vice-chairman; Mrs. M. Hetty Curry, Bren-

ham, Second Vice-chairman. Mrs. Sharp responded by saying this was a wonderful opportunity for service and the first work of the Council would be the establishment of a "recreational canteen" in every cantonment town in Texas. Then Mrs. Pennybacker came to the front of the platform and in a voice faltering with emotion said: "Women, perhaps it was for just such an hour as this the Federation was born. I want every woman to promise here this morning in the sight of God that she will stand by this Committee of women who are appointed your chairmen. It does not only take service, but unselfish devotion and it takes money. Let us give now. Let us give until it hurts." The scene that ensued was the most thrilling moment in the history of the Federation. Women gave money, and time, and service. In a few minutes \$11,000 was raised, and the distinctive war work of the Texas Federation was launched.

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Maggie Barry announced the best year-book, also the names of winners in the literary contest, as follows: 1904 Club, Quanah; Shakespeare Club, Waxahachie; The Lotus Club, Paris; The Woman's Club, Bryan; Nautilus Study Club, San Antonio; First Industrial Art Club, Cisco. Honorable mention, Pierian Club, Stamford; The Wednesday Club, Kemp; Hyde Park Reading Club, Austin; and the Matheon Club, Dallas. Prize poem, Mrs. Chas. F. Acree, Cameron. Prize short story, Miss Jewel Wurtzbaugh, Kidd-Key College. Prize special article, Mrs. E. S. Bledsoe, Temple. Mrs. J. B. Dibrell, Chairman Art Committee, spoke of the urgent necessity of holding to the love and beauty and power of art in this momentous hour. Dr. R. E. Cockrell of Fort Worth spoke on Civic Art. Mrs. J. C. Terrell, in her report, spoke of the \$1,000,000 War Library Fund, which was so largely over-subscribed. Just here, Mrs. Curry reported a gift of \$500 from a woman who was not a club member and who desired her name withheld.

Fine Arts Evening was celebrated in the Coliseum at

the Cotton Palace, on Thursday, November 15, at 8 p. m., when the following artistic program was greatly enjoyed: Overture (Selected), Innes' Concert Band; Soprano Solo, Chanson Provencale (Del Acqua), Miss Beulah Duncan, Waco, Accompanist, F. Arthur Johnson, Waco; Piano Solo (Selected), Mrs. Florence Stevenson, Southwestern University, Georgetown; Tenor Solo, "Ridi Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo), Ellison Van Hoose, Houston, accompanied by Innes' Band; Violin Solo, (a) Spanish Dance No. 8 (Sarasate), (b) Perpetuum Mobile (Ries), Anton Navratil, Baylor University, Waco, Accompanist, F. Arthur Johnson, Waco; Quartet from "Rigoletto" (Verdi), Mrs. Pearl Calhoun Davis, Fort Worth, Mrs. Dan Brown, Fort Worth, Ellison Van Hoose, Houston, Sam S. Losh, Fort Worth, Accompanied by Innes' Band; Interpretative Dance, "On to Victory" (Chalif), Misses Fay and Bird Hoffman, Waco, Accompanied by Innes' Band; Soprano Solo (a) My Soul (Carrie Jacobs Bond), (b) Endymion (Liza Lehman), Mrs. Albert Smith, Dallas, Accompaniment by David Grove, Dallas; Piano Solo, a Grieg Suite, H. C. Nearing, Daniel Baker College, Brownwood; Contralto Solo, "The Sea" (Grant-Schaefer), Mrs. Dan Brown, Fort Worth, Accompanist, Sam S. Losh, Fort Worth; Piano Solo, Allegro Appassionata (Saint-Saens), Mrs. Virginia Ryan, Waco; Soprano Solo, "Les Marseillaise" "The Star-Spangled Banner," Pearl Calhoun Davis, Fort Worth, Accompanied by Innes' Band and Military Escort; Mass Singing, Entire Audience, directed by Sam S. Losh, Song Leader, Camp Bowie, Fort Worth.

Friday morning, November 16, Mrs. Buchanan made final report on the State Endowment Fund, that all pledges were paid and the fund now complete. The Fourth was the banner district, having given \$2105.13. Two new names had been added to the Honor Roll—Mrs. E. J. Kiest (deceased), by the Matheon Club, Dallas, and Mrs. C. M. Hughs, by the New Century Club, Wharton. Mrs. Sharp announced, in addition to the

canteens already mentioned, they would undertake the securing of a correct roster of all boys from Texas engaged in war service; the raising of a \$50,000 budget, and the investigation of border and aviation camps. The retiring district presidents had been appointed as District Chairmen, and Mrs. Bacon Saunders, as chairman of Fort Worth. Mrs. R. P. Robbins had accepted as Treasurer of the War Work Council.

The election resulted as follows: Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth, President; Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring, Vice-president-at-Large; Mrs. Bryan Snyder, Marshall, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Moore, Fort Worth, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. A. Daniel, San Antonio, Treasurer; Mrs. Chas. W. Simpson, Waxahachie, Auditor; Mrs. J. U. Fields, Haskell, President First District; Mrs. J. L. Lovejoy, McKinney, President Second District; Mrs. Ben F. Boydstun, Greenville, President Third District; Mrs. O. L. Clarke, Galveston, President Fourth District; Mrs. W. D. Love, Uvalde, President Fifth District; Mrs. J. B. Heitchew, Abilene, President Sixth District. Mrs. Fred Fleming, Dallas, was appointed State Secretary to General Federation. A committee consisting of Mrs. George C. Groce, Mrs. W. E. Spell, and Mrs. Lee Joseph were appointed to draft resolutions to President Wilson, which, later, were reported as follows: "We, the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, in twentieth convention assembled, do heartily endorse the wise and efficient administration of our beloved President. In this trying hour of our Nation, we earnestly pledge him our loyal, unswerving support and allegiance. This body of 30,000 Federated Club women stand ready to answer his every call for sacrifice and service." Miss Louise Pace, who succeeded Mrs. J. F. Lyons as President of the State Federation of Music Clubs, was introduced; by virtue of this office, she becomes State Chairman of Music of the Texas Federation. Calling the newly elected officers forward, the retiring President, Mrs. Fleming, presented each one in turn, who responded in a

few words. With significant meaning, Mrs. Fleming then tendered the key to the strong box and the gavel, the last sign of authority, to the new President, Mrs. Connery. Then the entire body arose and with feeling sang God Be With You Till We Meet Again, and the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs stood adjourned, sine die.

The new procedure of the Federation in presenting recommendations with the reports of Departments, and having them adopted with the report, resulted in having fewer resolutions to be considered at the last moment. The resolutions adopted at the Twentieth Convention were: One strongly endorsing the conservation and economic work done by the Girls' Canning Clubs, under the supervision and training of Mrs. J. L. Landrum, and requesting this to be continued as a highly important war measure; another, strongly endorsing national prohibition; a third, endorsing the placing of women on boards of all schools supported wholly or partially by the state; another, endorsing the movement to conserve wool by buying fewer woolen garments, less knitting for one's self—wearing garments of other materials than wool, renovating old woolen garments as long as possible.

Mrs. Fleming is completing her service as State Secretary to the General Federation as this book comes from the press. She has shown the same steady patience in administering this office, as in other positions she has filled in Federation ranks. Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Wright share honors in the work they did with the Traveling Art Gallery of the Texas Federation, some years ago.

In all lines of human endeavor there comes a sowing time; a time when the fertile soil is ready for fresh seed. The Tenth administration seems to have been one of these periods and Mrs. Fleming the wise husbandman, who toiled early and late to have the land in best condition. All the measures decided upon in the General Federation were at once sowed in the Texas field,

and straight the furrows in which the precious seed was dropped, that was to bring forth the healthy plants of better living conditions. For two years the new Constitution had been tried out, and justified its being. Hence, Mrs. Fleming turned over to her successor a perfect machine, well-oiled, with every bolt and nut tightened, ready to stand the unexpected strain, and arduous tests to which it was to be subjected.

It is not the province of this edition to carry these records further than these first 20 years. But, as the months have slipped by while this volume was going through the press, ere the fateful "30" is placed on the manuscript, may it not bear witness to the wonderful success of the war service of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs which, carried out under Mrs. Connerly and her consecrated co-workers, did its part in sustaining "Our Boys" while "over there" as well as "over here"? The entire chapter will be the work of a future historian—it will be Chapter I of the further achievements of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Some writer has said 'We are only at the threshold of a future that thrills us with its wonderful possibilities—possibilities of fellowship where separation was—of love where hatred was; of unity where division was; of light, physical, mental and spiritual, where darkness was.'

Let this part of the record complete its cycle by quoting from Mrs. Rotan "let our anniversary emphasize the call of womanhood to a still finer, larger service for the world."

CHAPTER XII.

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

"Nods and becks and wreathed smiles."—Milton.

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was born in Waco, celebrated its "Tenth birthday" in Waco, and Waco claimed the prerogative of acting as hostess for its "Twentieth Birthday party," November 12-17, 1917.

Never was there a more brilliant birthday party than that one, lasting for five days full of thrill and zeal and enthusiasm for the new duties and responsibilities unfolding under the new conditions confronting the club-women—full of the joy of re-union, the happy-sad linking of past memory of struggle, with present measure of attainment—the meeting of the radiant, glowing, full-armored clubwoman of the last half-hour of today, with the calm, poised, prideful clubwoman of twenty years ago, who looked with maternal smiles and tears on this lusty, growing child of her sleepless nights and care-filled days.

For twenty years the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs had been weaving itself into the constructive policies of its native state, each year becoming a larger factor in that which made for better homes, better schools, better citizenship, and, now its members had come to Waco—resolved not to neglect making this twentieth annual convention the best in every respect—also determined not to be deprived of the pleasant play-hours and the holiday spirit they had been urged to bring with them for this occasion, "pressed down and running over."

Who could catch the real spirit of a birthday party, just "peeking" over the fence? And so, the "powers that be" told the toiling editor to pack her busy pencil and come to the "Birthday Party" and write it up as a sunshiny sequel to the historic records preceding it. And so she came—to be sprinkled with the star-dust of great resolve, and wet with affection's dew, and to be bathed in the great aspiration of these great-hearted women, and to know their "pretty fooling" was not silly, and their laughter was the happiness of having done something for their fellowkind, and their jokes and puns and witticisms were but the foamy bubbles cresting the waves of great purpose, rolling in from the ocean of NOW. Because they had dauntless courage in their hearts, they bore a smile upon their lips. Because they were facing the exigencies of a great war entered upon for the defense of principle, these women could crown these moments of grave conference with a chaplet of flowers.

The first glimpse of the white ball-room of the Raleigh, where convention meetings were held, made each delegate realize the "party" had begun. The walls held flags of the allied nations. Surmounting the wall at back of the speaker's platform, Our Country's flag symbolized the protection of the Stars and Stripes. Across the front of the platform, where grouped palms gave a touch of living green, extended draperies of blue and white, emphasizing the Federation colors. At either side stood a white pedestal vase, tied with loops and long streamers of blue satin ribbon and holding long-stemmed Queen chrysanthemums. A Marie Antoinette basket of the same huge blooms decorated the speaker's table. Delegates were seated by districts, which were marked by white pedestals surmounted by white Princess baskets holding clusters of the stately Queen chrysanthemums, the whole adorned with graceful satin ribbon bows of Federation blue. Placards lettered with blue, upon white, were fastened to the pedestals, announcing "First District," "Second Dis-

trict," etc. The doorway was framed in trellised vines of the morning-glory. Charming girls, attired in white, wearing "blue bonnets" (reminiscent of our state flower), and carrying "swagger sticks" adorned with white and blue tulle bows, acted as pages and ushers, untiring, quick and silent, through all the busy convention days. Such was the setting for the notable convention mentioned in the previous chapter.

Each day at noon, the delegates and visiting club-women were invited to a birthday luncheon, dainty and appetizing, accompanied with flowers, served always in the Hotel Raleigh, but—where? That was the unspoken question which came into the eyes of delegates, with the fall of the president's gavel, at noon! But the old proverb still holds its truth today, trite though it be, "A friend in need, is a friend indeed." And what woman could say she was without a "Friend" in Waco—while Miss Kate Friend was General Chairman? Would she not step out on the platform, wearing that genial smile, wave her hand and say cheerily: "Ladies, lunch will be served"—ah, there it was—what the ear had waited for—"lunch will be served in the 'Gold' Room"—or, "on the Mezzanine floor," or "in the back of the hall." "We are very sorry to ask you to change, but we hope you will all enjoy it just the same." And everybody always did! Why the change? No need to ask or answer that question! With the hotels and halls and streets full of khaki-clad soldiers, of officers in olive drab, with a dozen "extras" a day—that November, 1917, was the day when from the battle-front of France the eyes of nations were turned towards America, with the anxious thought "are they coming?" And, although our lusty American boys were yelling their young throats out, singing "We're coming over"—all the hurry and movement and rushing to and fro, was to "get the boys over" and every personal arrangement was laid aside to this end. So when the Governor of Michigan came down to see his state troops, at Camp MacArthur, Waco, to hearten up his boys with mes-

sages of cheer from home, and the Governor of Texas came down to Waco from the capitol to do honor to this distinguished visitor, and citizens gathered to pay their respects to the two—of course all the women—bless their hearts—wanted the men to have their dinner in the “Gold Room,” or anywhere they desired. So, like happy children who do not know where they are going to eat, which is part of what makes a “party,” the delegates care-free, followed where they were led, and enjoyed their diverting experiences. History records this, only because it will become one of the “thousand and one” tales which cluster around epoch-making days. From the appearance of the audience, it would seem the delegates had interpreted Waco’s invitation to this “birthday party” as their grandmothers would have meant it: “Come and spend the day and bring your ‘Knitting’.” For many delegates were busy fashioning with nimble fingers sweaters and helmets, which were to keep “our boys” warm in France.

After the business sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, delegates and visitors dropped in at the Progress Club rooms for an informal cup of tea. Here old friends found each other, new friendships were made; the timid delegate who wanted to carry back ideas to her club, but “couldn’t speak out” to ask questions from the floor, found the seasoned club woman who could tell her all about it. Best of all, here, sitting in a comfortable chair with a cup of tea poised in one hand, and pretty Waco maidens hovering near with baskets of sandwiches, might be seen a real “pioneer”—some gentlewoman who had been coming to the “Federation” for 15 or 20 years; who could tell interesting incidents of this or that “Madame President” striving to lead the Federation to great and still greater achievements; of the struggles of years to educate public sentiment in favor of some wise and just legislation; of the first attempts at practising “parliamentary law.” Ah, those were delightful “birthday” hours, spent at the “Informal Tea” with Mrs. Hayman Mayer and her

group of charming hostesses, in the handsomely furnished rooms of the Progress Club. "On Tuesday, Mrs. R. J. Alexander as chairman was assisted by Mesdames T. W. Robertson, J. F. Rowe, Susan T. Price, M. B. Willis, E. T. Lessing, S. Archenhold, W. R. Glasgow, Misses Mabel Quay and Annie Fosgard. Mrs. B. H. Shroeder was in charge of the music for the afternoon. Mrs. Marian Herz was the chairman for one afternoon. Mrs. Gaylord Bebout arranged for the musical features. Mesdames Mary Manton, H. B. Mistrot, Roberta Saunders, Sam Sanger, J. F. Bailey, R. L. Cartwright, Misses Ada Risher and Olive Hulbert were assistant hostesses. When Mrs. F. M. Thwing was chairman, the music was in charge of Miss Minnie Johnston. Assistant hostesses were Mesdames Lehman Sanger, Julia Henry, J. D. Bell, J. B. Powell, J. G. Kendall, H. C. Black, E. W. Sanderson, S. G. McKinnie, Q. Simmons, Misses Marie Leslie, Josephine Fosgard, Clara Archenhold, Roberta Wright."

Some other social events of this week are here recorded because in honoring prominent club-women they became a part of this "birthday party": "In honor of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, past president of the General Federation of Clubs and president of the Chautauqua Woman's Club (New York), Mrs. W. W. Woodson entertained at luncheon on Wednesday in the Gold room of the Raleigh. Mrs. Pennybacker is the Federation guest of Mrs. Woodson. This has afforded an opportunity to both guest and hostess of renewing an acquaintanceship of long standing. Doctor and Mrs. Vinson were likewise honorees. The wood tints were given precedence in the floral treatment of the table. Chrysanthemums in the rich golds and reds, together with autumn foliage, were used. The guests were: Mrs. Pennybacker, and Dr. R. E. Vinson, president of the state university, Austin, and Mrs. Vinson; Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Fred Fleming of Dallas, president of the Texas Federation; Mrs.

C. W. Connery of Fort Worth; Mrs. J. L. Landrum of Austin; Miss Annie Webb Blanton of Denton; Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham of Galveston; Mrs. G. R. Scott of Corpus Christi; Mrs. J. C. Terrell of Marshall; Miss Kate Friend, Dr. E. D. Shurter of the State University; Colonel Seamon of Camp MacArthur, B. B. Cobb."

"Mrs. W. E. Spell was hostess at luncheon on Wednesday in honor of her guests for the Federation, Mrs. Marshall Spoons of Fort Worth, Mrs. J. B. Dibrell of Seguin, past president of the Texas Federation, and Miss Marin Fenwick, San Antonio. The hostess, whose ability in the social arts is proverbial, chose orchid tones for the color note. This was attractively displayed in orchid chrysanthemums arranged in a Dresden basket. The place cards—gold fans—were dainty bits of art. About the table were Mrs. Dibrell of Seguin, Mrs. Spoons of Fort Worth, Miss Fenwick of San Antonio, Mrs. W. A. Adams of Dallas, Mrs. Henry B. Fall of Houston, Mrs. M. W. Sims and Mrs. J. T. Hanway of Bryan, Mrs. Charlie Mills of Corsicana, Mrs. A. B. Griffiths of Dallas, Mrs. Florence Floore of Cleburne, Miss Decca Lamar West, and the hostess."

The "piece de resistance" of the Federation birthday celebration was the "Pioneer" dinner, given Wednesday night at the Young Women's Christian Association rooms, in honor of the delegates from the 21 clubs which were enrolled as charter members of the Texas Federation; of those original delegates who met in Waco in 1897 for the purpose of organization; and, the past presidents from the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Though starting with barely a score, more than seventy-five guests sat down to this dinner "20 years after." Each one represented official rank, past and present in the Texas Federation, several had served the General Federation in various official positions, and to one had been awarded the highest rank in Federation service—that of President of the General Federation of

Women's Clubs, which numbers its members across the seas.

The tables were placed in a hollow square, with the seats on the outside. Within the square was a table with a beautiful lace cover on it, holding an immense bowl of Richmond roses, surrounded by white tapers. Ferns made a delicate tracery down the center of the long table, interspersed with hundreds of white tapers in gleaming cut-glass and silver holders. In the center of one side sat Mrs. Edward Rotan, the organizer and first president. Behind her high-backed chair stood two tall torcheres each holding a gigantic red taper. On the wall behind her spread three great flags—the Texas flag in the center, with the American flag on either hand. On either side of Mrs. Rotan sat the past presidents of the Federation, Mesdames J. C. Terrell, Percy V. Pennybacker, E. P. Turner, Joseph B. Dibrell, S. J. Wright, H. B. Fall and Fred Fleming. Mrs. Eli Hertzberg and Mrs. Cone Johnson were unavoidably absent. Mrs. George K. Meyer, the first recording secretary, and original delegate from the Pierian Club of Dallas, acted as toast-mistress; mingling philosophy and wit, she soon had the company of brilliant women on their mettle, and jest and repartee flashed freely back and forth, as speaker after speaker connected with those by-gone days responded to the pleasant call of affection. Yes, affection seemed the keynote of the evening! These good women banded together for good purpose towards home and community, had space only for kindly thoughts of each other, broadminded views, sympathetic laughter for their days of experiment—of raising their god-child—the Federation. This lusty infant had 21 sponsors at her christening; now she was a "Mother in Israel" to 32,000 women.

In calling for toasts, Mrs. Meyer smilingly remarked that as she saw the youthful faces and figures before her, she must conclude that many of those present had begun "pioneering" in their early youth. She said:
" * * * as time has grown apace we come now to

this pioneer dinner on our twentieth anniversary. May God grant we may have many more. In those days we were all literary. We discussed with greatest exactness and gravity the selection of club colors and the club flower. The word 'earnest' was worn into shreds that lost all resemblance to the original. Now we are misusing the word 'service' in much the same way, and before this war is over, it looks like we will all be 'citizens'." Mrs. Rufus Hardy of Corsicana, original delegate from the XIX Century Club, responded to the toast, Club Ideals Twenty Years Ago. "My happiness in being with you this evening, and pride in having been one of the original twenty-one delegates on the occasion of which we are celebrating the twentieth anniversary, makes me feel deeply grateful to the XIX Century Club for the honor it conferred on me 20 years ago. The XIX Century Club, organized in 1886, was truly one of the pioneer clubs. Looking over one of the old year-books, I find the constitution declares that the objects of the club are 'to encourage among its members a spirit of social friendliness, of intellectual inquiry, and culture, and to unite pleasant entertainment with mental improvement.' This ideal, to encourage a spirit of friendliness has been more than realized. It has been said that women are not as loyal in their friendships toward each other as men. * * * The fact that this is no longer true seems to me to be one of the club's greatest gifts to woman. Its other object, that of mental improvement, was of course good, but it was limited to our individual welfare, both intellectually and socially, and not until these pioneer clubs were federated twenty years ago, did we begin to have a broader vision, and altruistic spirit, and to realize that in helping others the greatest good came to us. We have found it a true proverb, 'Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days'."

Mrs. Meyer in introducing the next toast said: "When the history of this Federation is written may

the signers refer to it in as much pride as did the signers of the Declaration of Independence." Mrs. J. C. Coit of Denton, original delegate from the Ariel Club, responded to the toast, "Two Decades in Club Life": "Ladies of the Pioneers and Guests—I never thought to be a pioneer!—and it surprises me more than anybody to be among the pioneers!" In that pleasant meeting of 20 years ago—called together by our beloved first president, Mrs. Rotan, while we felt that history was in the making, yet we did not dream that in 20 years we should be a mighty force mobilized for war! Among the great achievements of the Women's Clubs in this two decades, none is greater than our original plan of study and social life. And I wish to stress that period. For by means of the social feature, women were induced to give some time from their domestic affairs to the higher things of Life, and a number of women got their first taste of literature and art in the club. Woman has always been and always will be domestic, has knitted and sewed and cooked, but for many centuries she could neither read nor write, with some notable exceptions. Even 20 years ago the really reading woman was the exception. * * * There is no greater work than that work of ours under our two first presidents, for it is true now as when the great Frenchman, Jules Simon, said 'When you educate a woman, you educate a whole family.' We can even go further and say that when you educate a woman you educate everybody who comes in contact with her. The next greatest achievement is organization, and when we organized this Federation in 1897, we brought together and created a mighty power, and when the question of social reform came up, here was a great organized power to help in each measure. Our State Federation has grown from that small beginning of 21 clubs into a large body composed of 510 clubs and 32,000 members. We have had ten presidents, each one a woman of power and talents and each one has stressed one or more of the measures put through. In the first days we were getting ready for

work by reading and studying, organizing and learning parliamentary procedure. Then followed all those fine things that we reached out after, the State Library Commission Law, the Poll Tax Law, the Pure Food Law, Scholarships, the Local Option Law, the great question of Rural Life. Our Federation has furnished the General Federation one of its very best presidents and we feel that she helped to put Texas on the map in a great big space! The great strides which Woman's Suffrage has made since those first pitiful efforts of the pioneers led by the dauntless Susan B. Anthony, to the last great victory in New York State have been due to the help of large organized bodies of women. And now over a million women in organized bodies are working to make the world safe for democracy. Our clubs are turned into Red Cross auxiliaries and we have made thousands of garments with our own hands. Women have proved their ability to do a man's work, make munitions, till the neglected fields, help in the mines, and they have even gone into the trenches and helped to do the fighting, as in Russia. Is there any reason, therefore, in keeping the ballot from them? Let us, then, present ourselves an organized force standing behind our Government, helping to carry out all the wise measures and each one doing her best to help win the war."

Mrs. Coit's eulogy was received with great applause. Mrs. Meyer said she was reminded of an incident of almost 20 years ago. "Mrs. Pennybacker had asked the assembled ladies: 'Is the Federation doing its full duty?' Mrs. Meyer explained that, being younger and perhaps more serious minded than now, she stood up as an affirmative answer. No other lady stood, and she was naturally mortified. Mingled resentment, courage and other emotions impelled her, though, to remain standing to explain that so far as she was individually concerned, she considered the Federation was doing its full duty."

Mrs. R. E. Flowers, delegate from the Houston

Ladies' Reading Club, one of the original clubs, in response to the toast, *The Changed Status of Woman*, said the recognition now accorded woman is the proof of her changed status in the community life. The speaker said she knew she voiced the regret of all that Mrs. H. F. Ring, one of the organizers of the Federation, found herself unable to attend at the last minute. The Ladies' Reading Club held the distinction of being the second oldest club in the state—truly one of the pioneers.

Mrs. W. A. Adams of San Antonio, gave a pleasing message introductory to the next toast, *Verses Bearing on Pioneer Clubs and Their Achievements*. Mrs. Frank Gray of Fort Worth Woman's Wednesday Club, one of the charter clubs, in response remarked wittily that her Pegasus was so very, very lame, he could not use his wings. In brief, but eloquent words, she traced the development from the rather complacent pioneer club member, intent upon self-culture alone, to the professional—sometimes aggressive—attitude of the present day club women, whose zeal takes them into every line of social service—many once forbidden by prejudice or tradition. She ventured to forecast that, with the entrance of women into political life, perhaps some of these very pioneers—who knows?—may sit in the "seats of the mighty." Mrs. Gray closed by saying, "this work can never be finished in the very nature of things. We are still engaged in building and must ever be so."

A great ovation greeted Mrs. Rotan as she rose, when called upon for reminiscences. She paused a moment—it was a moment of hushed emotion. Looking around that brilliant assemblage of women, the fruitage of her having gone forth to sow for the good of humanity, who knows what thoughts of fatigue and toil endured, of discouragement and ridicule overcome, of the battle with ignorance and indifference in which simple goodness proved, as always, the victor, passed through the mind of the sweet-faced woman looking into those

eager, interested faces before her? And to the others—around that festal table—looking towards her who had called forth this organized womanhood of the state to fight all forces of evil—what silent pledges of renewed consecration to right, what high resolves to emulate the courage of the pioneer spirit which ever blazes new paths for those behind to follow, what visions of the future, must have been theirs! Thanking her auditors, Mrs. Rotan gave some reminiscences—though she has left to others to tell how she started the first traveling libraries out into McLellan County out of her own purse, and how often she helped out the meager treasury of the little Federated band, with that same liberal hand—and in closing said: “Mr. Webster defines reminiscence as memory or recollection, pleasing or otherwise, of past events. One who indulges in reminiscent talk is usually expected to deal in incidents or details which are amusing and calculated to provide material for fun and laughter. And such things are well enough in their way and do often serve to enliven and instruct deliberative bodies assembled as we are this evening. The past history of this Federation of Women’s Clubs teems with pleasing recollections of incidents and individual associations which are beautiful and which I cannot forget. But in the face of existing conditions, and in view of the earnest, serious, vital work now ready for our hands, I cannot find it in my heart to go back to the past. The part that this goodly company of brave women has always played, has ever been very dear to my mind and to my heart, and now if you are ready to take a message from me, it is this: The future before you is beset with many difficulties, and I ask you, I beseech you, singly and collectively, to devote all your energies, all the labor of your heads and your hands, to the active and hearty support of all branches of the administration in prosecution of this holy war, which has been undertaken in behalf of suffering humanity and outraged womanhood the world over.”

A toast to Miss Kate Friend was proposed, and everybody rose, to her complete surprise, for Miss Friend had been notified to give a toast to Our Guests. "Miss Kate" said, humorously, that she had prepared a speech at great pains, and could not find it at the last minute. Then, in Miss Friend's own bright, clear way, she began "reminiscencing" and told many anecdotes involving a laugh on one or the other of the Pioneers. This burst of jollity concluded with Waco's appreciation of their presence among them. "Mrs. J. C. Terrell of Fort Worth was called and responded to 'Reminiscences.' Her speech was heartily applauded and her familiarity with the Federation's history made it a delight to hear her, while her good humor is a clear index to why she has been so signally successful in club life."

"Mrs. Charles Bonner told of amusing incidents at the historic meeting of the Federation held in Tyler, especially that historic banquet in which the men participated, and to show their appreciation of the club women, covered a wide field of topics, including the "improving of the Indians—the red men." "First, give us an improved order of white men," was the response of a witty club woman.

"Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker in speaking to the toast Reminiscences, referred to many incidents that all enjoyed. She told of her work in organizing clubs, mentioning an instance where she visited a club with nine members, seven of whom lived more than two miles away and one as far as fourteen miles, and that was not in the days of automobiles. But that lady attended the club, bringing her baby. All this she says was self-culture and all the success that has come to women in their work is the result of systematic self-culture. She made many references in illustration. She said 50 is young to begin learning and the greatest period of life for successful work is between 65 and 70. 'We are never too old to work,' she said." Towards the close of the dinner, a pretty incident occurred when Mrs. Rotan, clasping the hand of the past-presidents seated

on either side of her, held them up, saying sweetly and clearly, "No broken links!" The guests were glad to have their attention called to the fact that all the presidents of the Texas Federation were living. "A great number of speeches were made and perhaps no more brilliant assemblage of southern womanhood ever sat round a festal board with more satisfaction. No problem of life has been too great for them to undertake to solve. No other body is more capable of solving the problems of human endeavor." (Waco Times-Herald, November 15, 1917.)

Before rising from the dinner-table, the silver loving cup presented Mrs. Rotan at the time of the tenth convention was passed around, after which Mrs. W. B. Sharp of Houston offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved: That we hold this Pioneer dinner each succeeding Federation, that each club attaining its 20th birthday becomes eligible for representation at this dinner, and furthermore that the dinner be a subscription plate."

Besides the presidents, guests at the dinner were: Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan; Mrs. J. L. Lovejoy, McKinney; Mrs. W. M. Foster, Waco; Mrs. R. E. Flowers, Houston; Mrs. W. W. Manning, Dallas; Mrs. Rufus Hardy, Corsicana; Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Sherman; Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt, Cleburne; Mrs. E. S. Tracy, Houston; Mrs. Mary McClellan O'Hair, Coleman; Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Fort Worth; Mrs. E. C. Criddle, Denton; Mrs. John Sleeper, Waco; Mrs. C. W. Connery, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. E. Spell, Waco; Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth; Mrs. B. F. Boydston, Greenville; Mrs. Guy McClung, Dallas; Mrs. W. A. Adams, San Antonio; Mrs. Charles Simpson, Waxahachie; Mrs. Fred B. Robinson, Waco; Mrs. M. P. Bewley, Fort Worth; Mrs. M. P. Templeton, Dallas; Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Wharton; Mrs. O. H. Taylor, Austin; Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham, Galveston; Mrs. Frank Wilcox, McKinney; Mrs. S. E. Hudson, Austin; Mrs. Frank Grey, Fort Worth; Mrs. O. L. Clarke, Galveston; Mrs. Charles Bonner,

Tyler; Mrs. Dabney White, Tyler; Mrs. Llewellyn Aubrey, Waco; Mrs. H. C. Bentnick, Houston; Mrs. J. Y. Webb, Dallas; Mrs. John C. Coit, Denton; Mrs. W. A. Daniel, San Antonio; Mrs. Lee Joseph, San Antonio; Miss Annie Webb Blanton, Denton; Miss Kate Friend, Waco; Miss Marin Fenwick, San Antonio; Mrs. R. P. Robbins, Cleburne; Mrs. W. S. Banks, Temple; Miss Annie Shelton, Fort Worth; Mrs. J. I. McDowell, Big Spring; Miss Annie E. Moore, Denton; Mrs. Mary Wright, Fort Worth; Mrs. Florence Floore, Cleburne; Mrs. J. Elmer Butler, Corsicana; Miss Decca Lamar West, Waco; Mrs. R. H. Garrison, Denton; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Hettie Curry, Brenham; Mrs. A. B. Griffith, Dallas (formerly of Terrell); Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston; Mrs. S. H. Burnside, Wichita Falls; Mrs. W. R. Potter, Bowie; Mrs. W. H. Wentland, Manor; Mrs. Marshall Spoonts, Fort Worth; Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth; Mrs. Robert T. Badger, Austin; Mrs. Sam H. Taylor, Fort Worth; Miss Ida Hearn, Dallas; Mrs. W. A. Warner, Claude; Mrs. George K. Meyer, Dallas; Mrs. C. W. Hutchinson, Fort Worth; Mrs. Maggie Barry, Sherman; Mrs. Frank E. Wiley, McKinney; Mrs. Wm. Christian, Houston. So ended the first Pioneer Dinner—with its successor already arranged.

Those present would have enjoyed having every other delegate with them, but, then—it would not have been a *pioneer* dinner. So the other delegates and visiting clubwomen were having a taste of “army life” that afternoon and early evening. “Visiting delegates of the federated clubs were guests of Camp MacArthur through the courtesy of Major Geo. M. Russell, at a ‘real’ army dinner. About 150 ladies were there and they were served with straight army rations, which every one enjoyed to the utmost, even to the lemonade. They were taught how to hold the army kit and how to ‘fall in for chow.’ The 127th infantry band, under the leadership of Theodore Steinmetz, played several Southern airs and melodies. Mr. Chester Beaudin of

Wisconsin sang a solo, and the Jolly Four quartette of the 127th band also entertained with vocal numbers. The quartette is composed of Marion Hunt of Greenwood, Wis.; Anton Campbell of Marshall, Wis.; Chester Campbell of Park Falls, Wis., and Chester Beaudin. Mrs. J. L. Landrum of Austin thanked the army officials in behalf of the federated clubs visitors for the generous hospitality and cordial treatment. A receiving line was started by a few soldiers, but the ladies came near finding it impossible to reach the end of the line because the soldiers kept falling in and it seemed that all the boys at Camp MacArthur were trying to get in and shake hands with the distinguished ladies to whom they were doing honor for the afternoon. As the party began to disperse, the band played 'Dixie' for a finale and caused a burst of enthusiasm from the ladies." (Waco Tribune, November 15, 1917.)

In compliment to the Federation, Friday, November 16, 1917, was named Woman's Day at the Cotton Palace. The clubwomen were guests of the Waco City Federation at the Cotton Palace. The "birthday" festivities began at 3 p. m., with a Military Tea, on the lawn in front of the main building. The lawn was designed to represent a regular army camp, divided into sections, army pennants flying, the 121st Artillery band playing national airs. Each tent held a flower-adorned tea-table presided over by some of the Waco ladies who dispensed tea and wafers and introduced the particular honor guests assigned to them. Brigadier-General and Mrs. Haan and the State Federation Executive Board were the honor guests; and the directors of the Cotton Palace and their wives, patriotic local organizations, visiting clubwomen and their hostesses, commissioned officers at Camp MacArthur and their wives, were invited participants in this most unique outdoor affair. In pleasant relaxation, hostesses and guests strolled from one tent to another, meeting in more intimate intercourse than had been possible in the busy convention hall.

The regular evening concert by Innes Band was held from 7 to 8 p. m., seats rapidly being filled in the great coliseum of the Cotton Palace, so that by 9 p. m., when the eagerly awaited, discussed-all-the-week cutting of the State Federation "birthday cake" was to begin, every seat was taken and standing room was at a premium. As a prelude to the ceremony of cutting the cake, the band played *Silver Threads Among the Gold*, *When You and I Were Young*, *Maggie*, and *Listen to the Mocking-Bird*. The coliseum retaining its decorations from the Debutantes' Ball, presented a beautiful setting for this closing event of the week-long "birthday party." Now, it was time to cut the "birthday cake," and bring forth from its recesses the hidden treasures which always delight the guests. In a few moments, one would be able to forecast the future from what was within the cake.

Upon a huge octagonal white table stood the mammoth "birthday cake," with its gigantic 20 tapers, tipped with blue wicks, its glittering white "frosting" making it look indeed "good enough to eat." Across the room, facing the cake, rose a white stairway leading to a dais, flanked by tall white pedestals, holding large silver baskets filled with trailing vines and supporting one a United States and the other a Texas flag. Two thrones flanked either side of the lowest stair. Suddenly the lights were turned out, with the exception of a spotlight. Out of the surrounding darkness, into this light, danced a fairy figure all in white, and with graceful flittings here and there Miss Margaret Yates of Waco interpreted in rhythmic motion the Spirit of Womanhood, finally posing on the topmost stair. The birthday candles lighted up, and—the birthday cake was cut! An archway appeared in the base, and forth therefrom issued Uncle Sam and Columbia, otherwise Mr. T. F. Bush and Mrs. Leslie Stegall of Waco. Recognized by their traditional costuming, Uncle Sam and Columbia stood guard at either side of the archway, as from the birthday cake issued the procession of presi-

dents of the Texas Federation, in the order of their inauguration, each attended by a page, bearing a banner aloft on which was inscribed the keynote of her administration. Accompanied by inspiring strains of music, with stately mien, the presidents crossed the floor and grouped themselves upon the white stairway, with its carpet of royal purple; Mrs. Rotan, as the first president, seated alone on the dais, the other presidents reclining gracefully upon the stairs, and Mrs. Fred Fleming, the president presiding at this feast, seated alone in a chair at the foot. After the procession, Uncle Sam and Columbia marched forward and occupied the two thrones on either hand, and there this group reviewed the work of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, as it passed before them in an allegorical pageant, the work of Miss Kate Friend's fertile mind and skillful hand. The program thus records the procession of the presidents, with their little pages, banners and apt quotations: "Mrs. Edward Rotan—Page, Pearl Milam, bearing banner inscribed Organization—Through the counsel and guidance of the mother, we have builded a foundation strong, upon which we are erecting a monument to Texas Womanhood. Mrs. J. C. Terrell—Page, Sallie C. Geer, banner Texas Free Libraries—Come and take choice of my library. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker—Page, Alma L. Geer, bearing banner Scholarships for Texas Girls—Study is like Heaven's joyous sun. Mrs. E. P. Turner—Page, Mary Ann Woodward, with banner Save the Texas Boy—Your lad and my lad are our gifts to the world. Mrs. Cone Johnson—Page—Nell Colgin, carrying banner Rural Boys and Girls—That is true cultivation which gives us sympathy with every form of human life. Mrs. Joseph Dibrell—Page, James Bass, and banner with Legal Rights for Women—Justice, Equality, Service. Mrs. S. J. Wright—Page, Maxine Goldthwaite, with banner The Texas Babies—You can change the nature of a plant only by changing its environment. You can improve the natures of men only by improving their surroundings. Mrs. Eli Hertz-

berg—Page, Annie Lauri Kirksey, carrying banner Endowment for Texas Work—Bind together your spare hours by the cord of some definite purpose. Mrs. Henry B. Fall—Page, James Wright, Jr., with banner Service for Texas Girls—When you educate a man you educate an individual; when you educate a woman you educate an entire family. Mrs. Fred Fleming—Page, Mary Ann Wright, holding banner War for Democracy—The world must be made safe for democracy—Woodrow Wilson.

The next incident was The Blue Bonnet Frolic, participated in by these little Waco girls, introduced by a bit of verse as follows:

Behold the Texas Bluebonnet,
Our Federation flower,
They grow for you,
They welcome you,
For this is your birth hour.

Beula McGhee, Mary Frances Stevens, Alice Dewey, Edith Seley, Louise Lastinger, Mary Stone, Leona Lucas, Erma Dean Dunham, Louise Seley, Margaret Jordan, Elizabeth McKennon, Maybelle Rice, Martha Lanham, Eugenia Early, Edith Reinhardt, Mary Anne Robinson, Mary Remhardt. At the close of the pretty dance, the children grouped themselves at the feet of the presidents.

All of the characters of the pageant issued forth from the birthday cake, beginning with the representations of Music, and followed by Art, Literature, B-I-M-I-T (Buy-It-Made-in-Texas), Humane Work, Fire Prevention and History. It is thus given in the descriptive program:

"Review of Women's Work—Music: Scene from Act II of 'The Flying Dutchman'—Wagner. (a) Senta's Ballad—Miss Willie D. Higginbotham. (b) Spinning Chorus, with orchestral accompaniment—Miss Higginbotham, Minnie Johnson, Pauline Crawley, Juanita

Smith, Mildred Halbert, Virgie Damon, Marion Renick, Agnes Hill, Mae Crippen, Hallie Jenkins, Viola Herring, Mamie Hughes, Noema and Emmabel Eastland, Monetta Witherington, Lota and Edna Pharr, Jessie Dell Haney, Maud Sharp, Ruby Gillis. Mesdames Edna McDonald, D. J. Byars, T. M. Bishop, Jack Sanger, Sim Hassler, Von Bulcher, T. N. McMullen, Raymond Denton, J. R. Railey, Watson, Matt Glenn, Ed Garret, Frank Trau, L. R. May. Violins—Mesdames Alex Sanger, Theodore Ray, Walter Rathell, Misses Hazel Downs, Dana Clark, Lottie Lees, Gladys Best. Violas—George Bryant, T. H. Medsker. Cellos—Mrs. Mick, Pauline Pipkin. Bass Viol—Carl Austemehle, August Bettis. Piano—Mrs. J. W. Carroll. The stage setting is that of a Dutch peasant home where Senta, the heroine of the story, is entertaining her friends who are busy spinning and knitting, making ready for Senta's wedding. Senta is indifferent to the preparations being made and is concerned only with the distressing news of the Flying Dutchman who is doomed to travel forever on the high seas unless rescued by the love of a woman. This, however, does not affect the hilarity and glee of the spinning girls who continue to sew busily. Art—Woman's Wisdom—Minerva (from Parthenon), Miss Jennie McClain. Woman's Patriotism—Jenne d'Arc (from Luxembourg), Mrs. Rosa McGhee. Woman's Love and Charity—Amor-Caritas (from Luxembourg), Miss Louise Irwin." These three ladies, representing these famous pieces of statuary, glided forth and took their places on white bases, assuming the poses of the sculptured originals.

Browning's Pied Piper of Hamelin symbolized Child Life, the story being told in pantomime. The children came skipping and playing about the village green; two little butterflies (Dorothy Burton and Caroline Pryor) flitted to and fro, the mothers watched their children frolic, and then the Piper came, piping that sweet music which made all the children follow him, dancing and leaping, as the poem goes.

A diversion was created here by the appearance of a little girl preceding a tea-wagon pushed by two little boys in white costumes, bringing a real cake with 20 candles upon it, presented to Mrs. Fred Fleming.

Shakespeare (Roy S. Lane), George Eliot (Miss Ethel Huse) and Dickens (T. M. Sleeper) came driving their famous characters with ribbon reins to execute graceful evolutions before the Madame Presidents. Characters represented were: Literature; Shakespeare, Roy E. Lane; Audrey, Mrs. F. B. McPeak; Julia, Mrs. J. B. Atkinson; Ann Page, Mrs. W. E. Andrews; Cleopatra, Mrs. Donald Hodges; Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. J. L. O'Brien; Queen Catharine, Miss Hazel Spencer; Perdita, Miss Alta Harrison; George Eliot, Miss Ethel Huse; Gwendolen, Miss Libby Gurley; Romola, Mrs. T. C. Schmid; Tessa, Miss Norma Hardin; Dinah Morris, Miss Zoe Fitzhugh; Eppie, Miss Margery Reisner; Hetty, Miss Mary Wilson; Dickens, T. M. Sleeper; Florence Dombey, Miss Mary Sleeper; Beadle's Wife, Miss Mildred Halbert; Madam Defarge, Miss Virgie Damon; Little Nell, Miss Nina Damon; Miss Havisham, Miss Kelly Romans; Dolly Varden, Miss Frances Sleeper; Miss Betsy Trotwood, Miss Willie Lee Miles; The Marchioness, Miss Grace Arbuckle."

Following literature came the Buy-It-Made-In-Texas movement which has been endorsed by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Lights were turned off, and on a screen high up in one corner, were flashed the pictures of the Makers of Texas—Travis, Houston, Austin and Lamar—together with historic early scenes. Then the lights came on, and the Texas Maids, singing Texas the Great, words and music by Mrs. Alice Bullock of Waco, went around the great ball room, tossing souvenirs of Texas-made articles to clubwomen and visitors.

“‘MADE IN TEXAS’

The motto of these maidens
Whom you will see tonight
Is ‘Buy It Made in Texas,’
Now be sure you get it right.

‘Buy it made in Texas,’
Get it from a home concern ;
This is the little motto
That everyone should learn.

Our heroes, such as Travis,
Died for this dear land,
Then buy it made in Texas,
And help to make it stand.

Just follow this one slogan
And we’ll soon have a state
So rich in manufactures
That it will be most great.

‘Huaco Maid,’ Johnnie Tilley; ‘Texas Girl,’ Annette Nethery; ‘Colonial Dame,’ Verda Lee McClain; ‘Liberty,’ Mildred Davis; ‘Sport Girl,’ Gailey Wilkes; ‘Middy Girl,’ Merle Lucas; ‘College Girl,’ Polly Davis; ‘Sunshine Girl,’ Jeannette Bush; ‘Cooper’s Best,’ Wilma Shaffer; ‘Belle of Waco,’ Sue Bain; ‘Little Chef,’ Tilly Lazarus.” After the merriment subsided which had accompanied the advent of the “Texas Maids,” all eyes were turned again upon the “cake.” What new marvel would issue therefrom? Ah, of course! The tender heart of woman must undertake the humane work. As babies had appeared already in the pageant, so now came the dogs—dogs well cared for, pet dogs, large dogs kindly treated, small dogs frisking—all accompanied by their pretty girl mistresses—dogs in leash, dogs carried in arms, be-ribboned dogs—a dog-show in miniature passed in review before the audience.

The gospel of Fire Prevention was brought to mind by a beautiful Radium Dance, executed by Miss Fred Fleming of Dallas, in a graceful and artistic manner.

History was indicated by a glimpse at other times. Miss Mary Belle Chamberlin danced the Highland Fling with a background of Highland soldiers; then the drummer, fifer and flag-bearer of the Spirit of '76 came marching forth—echoed by the Spirit of 1917, in the khaki-clad soldiers who evoked cheer upon cheer, as they followed the revolutionary boys of '76. The 121st Artillery Band from Camp MacArthur brought this patriotic outburst to a grand finale with the Star-Span-gled Banner played to the audience of thousands standing and singing the national air.

Thus ended the most elaborately entertained convention in the history of the Texas Federation. As the crowds hurried from the Coliseum, the lights winked out one by one, the bands packed their instruments and departed, denoting the end of the occasion, so the club-women left by early morning trains, mid the afterglow of thanks and appreciation on the part of hostesses and guests.

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will go on making history, and perhaps less than 20 years will pass before another record of its work shall be given to the public. But, to this two decades of its achievements, as to this book, must be written

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FEDERATION SONG

(Melody: "My Country 'Tis of Thee)

Daughters of Freedom's Land
Ready with heart and hand,
Strong for the right.
Now raise your voices high,
In one clear song reply
To life's appealing cry
For love and light!

Why stand we here today?
Why but to make the way
For Hope's glad feet,
Bidding the world aspire
To purer aims and higher,
That home's own altar fire
Burn bright and sweet.

Daughters of Freedom's Land
Holding Truth's torch ye stand
Crowned with God's grace,
That this great age may see
How fair its destiny,
And they who come may be
A nobler race.

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